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**STABBED IN
THE BACK**

GENERAL de Gaulle had good reason to believe earlier this year that one of the last major hurdles confronting him over Algeria had been conquered when 75 per cent of the electorate in France and 65 per cent in Algeria voted in favour of self-determination for the territory. The news that yet another coup has been staged with the Army claiming to control these key cities will come as a shattering setback. Not because negotiations with the Algerian rebel FLN movement had reached a stage where a final solution was in sight, but there was a hope that the recently postponed round-table conference might get underway in the near future.

The Algerian rebels will undoubtedly seize upon the coup as evidence that de Gaulle is in no position to negotiate on behalf of his country, and that whatever he or the politicians say, the Army, together with diehard French settlers in Algeria, are strong enough to flout his dictums. Just what proportion of the Army's allegiance de Gaulle can claim is uncertain. He says the vast majority is loyal but it may only be whistling to keep its courage up. Certainly a number of the generals, motivated no doubt by sincere, but nonetheless misguided patriotism, cannot be trusted. And the question that must be asked today is whether the military will again wage the political dog.

If not, the General will have to act fast, not simply to suppress the current revolt, but to make it clear to the Algerian rebels, the Algerian people and the world as a whole that de Gaulle rules the roost today as firmly as he did when he was brought to power by an earlier coup in May, 1958. And if a military dictatorship is not to succeed the existing administration the French people are surely entitled to an assurance that never again will such an embarrassing debacle be allowed to nullify the policy of the Government and people.

In simple terms the coup poses the question: Who rules France? Two days ago the question would have seemed ludicrous, but it is not so today. There was apparently no inkling of the plot which was carried off with a bloodless efficiency that even the Krom in might envy. For what this coup amounts to is a carefully premeditated stab in the back for de Gaulle by some of the very people who were instrumental in bringing him to power. And to turn the clock back to those disastrous days when French Governments were for a time, would be catastrophic for France, for her allies and for the West.

De Gaulle today will have the sympathy of a wide body of well-wishers. To be at the height of one's power and popularity and then suddenly to have the carpet whipped unceremoniously from under you must be the most galling, humiliating and infuriating experience. More so when it threatens to undo much of the patient and careful groundwork which has brought the French Government to the verge of a solution to the most prickly of all nettles that it has been asked to grasp.

For it means, if the coup succeeds in rupturing relations between the rebels and Paris, an indefinite prolongation of the bloodshed. It brings nearer the very danger that the coup leaders are specifically hoping to defeat, that of the Communists establishing a foothold in the territory. Worst of all it threatens, as long as it lasts, to undermine the authority of the most stable administration France has had for many years. The next few days will be de Gaulle's supreme test. He will have to act decisively, immediately if he hopes to come through with flying colours.

French Premier warns nation invasion imminent PARIS PREPARES FOR ACTION

Rebel paratroopers reported ready to land in France

Paris, Apr. 23. The French Prime Minister, Mr Michel Debre, announced on the television tonight "we must expect an attempt by the rebels to carry out an action of force and surprise in the region of Paris. Planes are ready to take off from Algeria."

"The Government has taken measures. Orders have gone out to all units of the forces to use all means—and I say all means—to repulse this mad attempt."

"All flights and landings on all aerodromes are forbidden from midnight onwards."

"As soon as you hear the sirens sound go in big numbers to the aerodromes to convince the soldiers of their error."

The United States Ambassador, Mr James M. Gavin, called on President de Gaulle at the Elysee Palace tonight.

No details of their meeting were immediately available.

Keep contact

An announcer on the television said radio and television programmes would stay on the air all night so that the Government could keep contact with the population.

In his broadcast Mr Debre asked Frenchmen to go "on foot or by car" to the aerodromes when the sirens sounded.

The Algerian rebels were preparing "in a very short time" to drop or land paratroopers at various aerodromes in order to seize power, he said.

Immediately after Mr Debre spoke a television announcer asked Frenchmen to alert the nearest police or gendarmerie station of "all suspicious activities."

A United States Embassy spokesman said the American Ambassador handed over a letter from President Kennedy "strongly supporting De Gaulle" when he called at the Elysee Palace.

Strong forces of police and troops including tanks and armoured cars of the "gendarmerie" took up positions tonight in various strategic positions inside Paris and in its suburbs.

Standing by

Numerous trucks of police stood by in streets around the Elysee Palace, President de Gaulle's official residence.

Mr Debre's call for action when the sirens sounded was repeated at 15-minute intervals on the television screens in French homes and General de Gaulle's earlier broadcast was repeated on sound radio.

A communique from the Ministry of Information asked the population to be on the outlook for aircraft landing or taking off as well as "any movement of para-military nature" and to alert the nearest police station.

Paris is two hours 20 minutes flight from Algiers by Caravelle jet airliner, and between five and six hours flight in a Nordavia transport normally used for parachuting operations in Algeria.

Sources close to the Prime Minister said that as far as was known no plane loads of paratroopers had yet taken off from Algeria.

International telephone calls out of Paris were blocked tonight. The Paris exchange said there was an "indefinite wait" for London and every other European city.

Incoming calls from abroad were connected quickly.

Air Force orders

The Information Ministry issued an appeal after midnight asking residents near the aerodromes at Orléans, Bourges, Dreux, Melun Villaroche, Creil, Meaux, Le Noble, Compiègne, Evreux, Orléans, Chartres, and Pontoise, all near Paris, to be prepared to go to these aerodromes as soon as they were warned by siren.

Orders have gone out to French air force fighter bases in Metropolitan France for fighter planes to fire on any aircraft which fails to respond to "the normal challenge" an Information Ministry spokesman said.

Paris buses with their destination plates removed moved into place at bridges spanning the Seine ready to be used as road blocks.

In the early hours of Monday about 100 "shock troops" of the Gaullist UNR Party turned up at the Interior Ministry saying they had been sent by local party headquarters to help defend the ministry.

Reports from Marseilles and Toulon said road blocks had been set up at strategic spots and security patrols increased. Obstacles were placed on the runways of airfields near Paris.

Historic night

Mr Andre Malraux, Culture Minister told Gaullist civilian volunteers of the UNR Party gathered inside the Ministry of Interior at 1 a.m. on Monday.

"The paratroopers will be here in three hours—because you will never be here because you will be with the CRS (riot police) and they will not pass."

"France is living through an historic night," he said.

About 300 militants of the UNR have reported to the Interior Ministry in response to telephoned party appeals.

Mr Frey, acting Interior Minister, promised them arms "in the next half hour and said they would be formed into groups of 10 each headed by an ex-army officer and would resist any attack from the rebel paratroopers at the side of the riot police and mobile gendarmes.

Twelve Sherman tanks moved into the grounds of the Elysee Palace this morning. They were stationed outside the Grand Palais, which every October houses the motor show.

Organisation of the UNR "citizen army" began at once in a courtyard of the Interior Ministry after Mr Malraux had given the men "greetings from the Government and General de Gaulle."

Trade unions

Several parliamentary deputies were among them.

Some were in World War II battledress and a retired army captain reported for duty carrying an American carbine.

These party troops were awaiting assignment to security forces already in place.

The headquarters in Paris of the three main trade union confederations—Communist Socialist and Catholic were remaining open all night to prepare the "technical means" to thwart a possible putsch. The headquarters said many of their members had reported "for duty."

The French Communist Party headquarters appealed to its followers to "refuse to obey the generals of the coup d'etat and get in a resolute fashion to crush them."—Reuter.

Wrong place

Salvatore Amorelli, 28-year-old Neapolitan, released a pigeon with a message tied to it saying "I am looking for a job." The bird flew a few hundred yards to the home of Leopoldo de Vito, who read the message and took the bird to the police to be returned to its owner, for Leopoldo, too, is looking for a job.—China Mail Special.



The Queen and the Prince of Wales, Prince Charles, watch the dressage events from a marquee at Badminton, on the first day of the annual Badminton horse trials. At left is the Duke of Beaufort; at right is the Duchess of Norfolk.—AP Photo.

Eichmann claims he was chained to bed

Jerusalem, Apr. 23. Adolf Eichmann claims he was kept chained to a bed for eight days after his capture in Buenos Aires last May, it became known today.

The former Gestapo leader told his Israeli police interrogator that at the end of his long ordeal he would have been ready to say anything in order to be left in peace.

"I was chained to a bed for eight days," he said. "My glasses had been fastened on to me with a strong rubber band and I was—I would have been ready to say everything, they wanted, simply to get some peace."

This brief flash from the so far largely untold story of what happened to Eichmann after he was captured by Israeli agents in a Buenos Aires suburb was disclosed by him while commenting on a crushing, incriminating testimony against him given in a prison in 1948 by his former top aide, Dieter Wisliceny.

CONFRONTED

Eichmann was confronted during his police interrogation with a full transcript of Wisliceny's testimony, which will form a major part of the state of Israel's case against him.

Eichmann branded his former aide's allegations as "false" from start to finish. The only explanation, he said, was that when Eichmann said "was that they were made in jail and that Wisliceny would have been prepared to say anything at that point, just as he was being taken to the bed in Buenos Aires—UPI.

Philip and Tony don't hit it off

London, Apr. 23. Prince Philip, sports-loving husband of the Queen, was reported today to be finding it hard to get along with Antony Armstrong-Jones, the society photographer who married Princess Margaret.

The London Sunday Dispatch said a state of antipathy exists between the two men, whose interests and temperaments are far apart.

Columnist Frederic Mullally claimed that the Prince and the commoner have failed to hit it off together since Mr Armstrong-Jones married the attractive princess nearly a year ago.

In fact, Mullally said, Prince Philip "actively resents the presence of Mr Armstrong-Jones in the innermost circles of the Royal Family."

The report drew nothing but a frigid silence from court officials, who always decline to comment on gossip about the family figures around the throne.

It is common knowledge that Mr Armstrong-Jones, the artistic type with the cosmopolitan air, has little in common with the Queen's husband.

Columnist Mullally said Prince Philip "betrayed his feeling about Mr Armstrong-Jones at a luncheon he addressed in London last week."

Gratuitous

The Prince referred in passing to Mr Armstrong-Jones as "my brother-in-law," and then added quickly: "Well, he isn't really, but you know the chap I mean."

Mullally said the remark was good-humoured in tone, "but it was delivered with an infection and an accompanying facial expression that poised the phrase only too narrowly midway between irony and sarcasm."

"It incorporated no intrinsic wit or bon mot. It was, in fact, a quite gratuitous aside that could have no other possible effect than to stimulate suspicions of antipathy between the Queen's husband and Mr Armstrong-Jones."

Mr Armstrong-Jones is the Queen's brother-in-law, not Prince Philip's. Mullally said Mr Armstrong-Jones "tried as hard as anyone could to win the friendship and respect" of the Prince.

Helping hand

"But Tony was disappointed and confused to find these genuine efforts rewarded with amused patronage instead of the chumminess he was seeking." Any psychiatrist could have said that this was a classic case of a "helping hand" which is a kind of compensation for the resentment stirred in him by the arrival of another "man" in the family circles.

Mullally said the Prince has in his power to make Mr Armstrong-Jones feel more secure inside the Royal Family.

"What he needs now from Philip, more than from anyone else," the columnist said, "is a helping hand—from time to time—a warm comradely gesture."—AP

European fined \$1,700 on traffic charges

Christopher Martin, a 24-year-old bank officer was fined a total of \$1,700 by Mr I. T. Morris at Causeway Bay Court today for careless driving, failing to stop after an accident, failing to report an accident, failing to have a valid driving licence and driving without a red rear light.

The prosecution did not give evidence on a sixth charge of dangerous driving.

The defendant of 3-C Wang Fung-terrace, Tai Hang-road, changed his original plea of not guilty to one of guilty on the five charges for which he was fined.

Prosecuting Inspector M. R. Atkinson told the court that defendant was seen by a police patrol car in the early hours of March 8 to drive through a red light along Hennessy-road.

The patrol car sounded its siren and chased the defendant who instead of stopping accelerated to an estimated 50 mph, he added.

At the junction of Hennessy-road and Canal-road West the defendant's car collided with another private car with such force that the impact spun the private car around on to the pavement.

Description

The defendant again failed to stop and at this point another patrol car joined in the chase.

Martin accelerated once more and drove along until he passed the junction of Hennessy-road and Canal-road where he was stopped. Atkinson said that all this happened so quickly that he happened to catch only a glimpse of the defendant's car.

Laos Govt forces defeated

Vientiane, Apr. 23. Looting Government forces have received their worst beating so far in the civil war with the pro-Communist Pathet Lao—on the eve of the expected announcement of a ceasefire.

Reliable sources here, said today that Government forces last night evacuated the town of Vang Vieng, 85 miles to the north, after a heavy artillery barrage.

The town was the last important Government stronghold in the mountains of north-central Laos; the headquarters of the Government operations in the region. West of the rebel-held plain of Vang Vieng, and had the most important road along the border between Laos and Thailand. The town was the last important Government stronghold in the mountains of north-central Laos; the headquarters of the Government operations in the region. West of the rebel-held plain of Vang Vieng, and had the most important road along the border between Laos and Thailand. The town was the last important Government stronghold in the mountains of north-central Laos; the headquarters of the Government operations in the region. West of the rebel-held plain of Vang Vieng, and had the most important road along the border between Laos and Thailand.

Adolf Hitler and his 'worthless scrap of paper'

Washington, Apr. 24.
A German foreign policy expert bluntly told the Nazi regime in 1940 that a treaty signed by Adolf Hitler was regarded as a "worthless scrap of paper."

Dr. Albrecht Haushofer, Professor of Political Geography at Berlin University, made this statement on Sept. 8, 1940, in a conversation with Hitler's deputy, Rudolf Hess.

Haushofer was sentenced to death by the Nazi regime in 1944. He recorded his conversation with Hess in a memorandum which is included in a new volume of captured German documents released by the Department of State today.

In his report dated Sept. 10, 1940, Haushofer recorded that on Sept. 8, he was summoned to Hess to discuss possibilities of a German-British peace.

Haushofer said he first "asked for permission to discuss fundamental things" and stated that "practically all Englishmen who mattered, regarded a treaty signed by the Fuehrer as a worthless scrap of paper."

His memorandum goes on: "To the question as to why this was so, I referred to the 10-year term of our Polish treaty, to the non-aggression pact with Denmark, signed only a year ago, to the 'final' frontier demarcation of Munich."

"What guarantee did England have that new treaty would not be broken again at once if it suited us?"

"It must be realised that, even in the Anglo-Saxon world, the Fuehrer was regarded as Satan's representative on earth and had to be fought."

If the worst came to the worst, the English would rather transfer their whole empire by bit to the Americans than sign a peace that left to National Socialist Germany the mastery of Europe."

Haushofer recorded that at this point he was interrupted by Hess who asked him why the British preferred a close relationship with the United States to a similar one with Germany.

Incarnation

"My reply was: Because Roosevelt is a man, and represents a way of life that the Englishman thinks he understands, to which he can become accustomed, even where it does not seem to be his liking..."

"Hitler, however, seems to the Englishman the incarnation of what he hates, what he has fought against for centuries."

Haushofer noted he told Hess that for these reasons he believed a peace which would leave Hitler in power was highly unlikely.

"I was then asked why all Englishmen were so opposed to Herr V. R. (German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop)," Haushofer's memorandum said.

Haushofer told Hess that Ribbentrop "personally bore an unusually large share of the responsibility for the outbreak of the war."

"But again I stressed the fact that the rejection of peace feelers by England was today due not so much to persons as to the fundamental outlook mentioned above," his memorandum said.—UPI.

ELECTION SLOGAN — 'ADENAUER, ERHARD AND THE TEAM'

Bonn, Apr. 23.
Dr Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party tomorrow begins its campaign for this Autumn's federal election with a party congress meeting in Cologne to decide on the election programme.

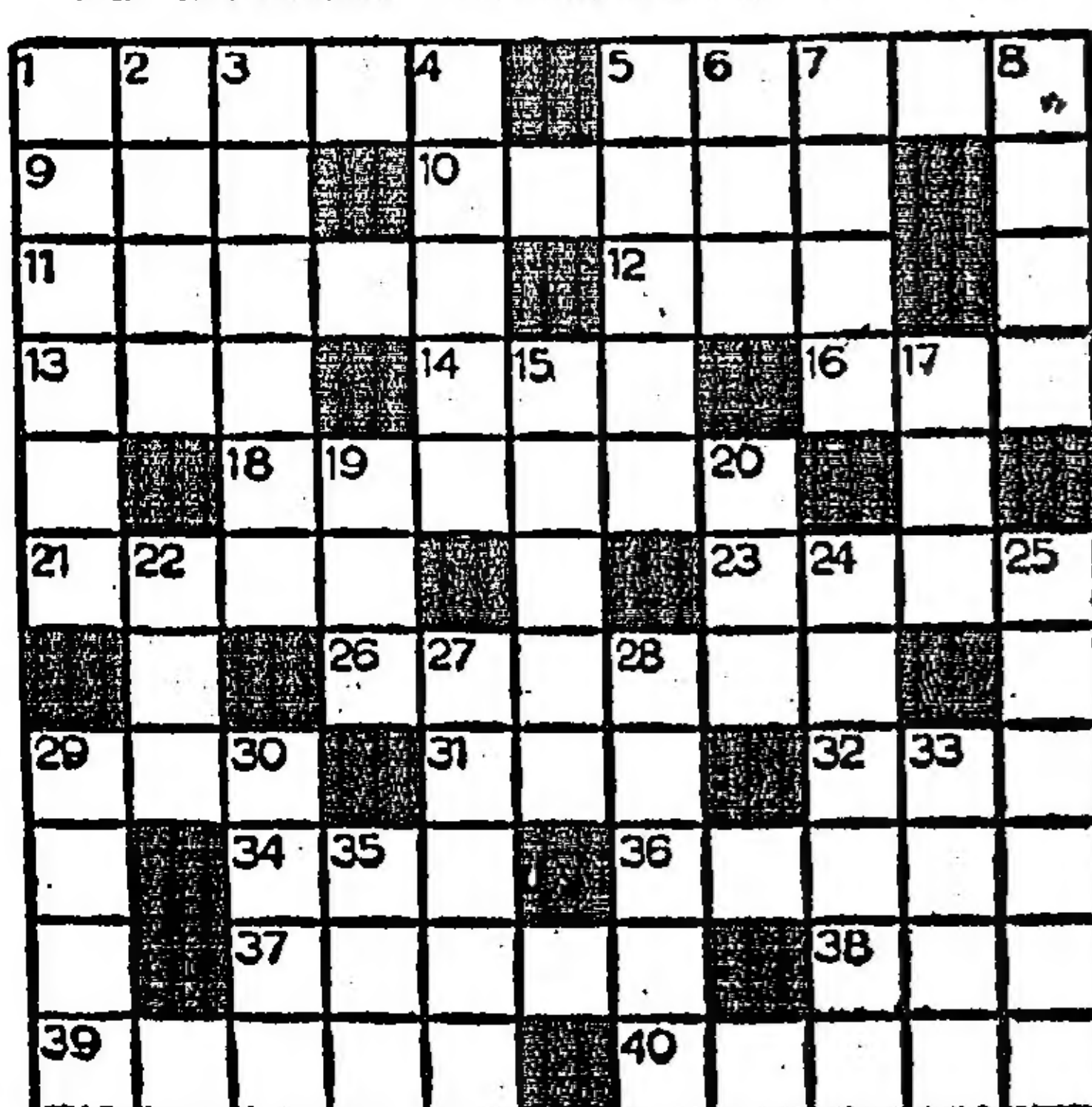
Belly dancers on Red ship

Tunis, Apr. 23.
Red-robed Tunisian dancing girls performed vigorous belly dances in the panelled saloon of the East German cruise ship "Volkerfreundschaft" (People's Friendship) at anchor at La Goulette port near Tunis.

The "Volkerfreundschaft" (12,300 tons), formerly the Swedish Liner Stockholm, docked at La Goulette on a Mediterranean cruise with 547 passengers.

Near the purser's office was posted a "list of solidarity" bearing the slogans "down with aggressors" and "Freedom for Cuba," together with names and contributions.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Dominant melody;
 - 5 Sudden attack;
 - 9 A king among men;
 - 10 Rouse;
 - 11 Chosen;
 - 12 Painting skill?
 - 13 Completely;
 - 14 Desert;
 - 15 Novel female;
 - 16 Follows;
 - 17 Swank;
 - 18 Couples animals?
 - 19 Teles on;
 - 20 Bessie;
 - 21 Mineral;
 - 22 Light drink?
 - 23 Epoch;
 - 24 Cable supporter;
 - 27 Black girl;
 - 30 Mire;
 - 31 Grates;
 - 40 Rolls.

- DOWN**
- 1 Handles;
 - 2 It's down under!
 - 3 Banished;
 - 4 Old crock;
 - 5 Fish on ice?
 - 6 Through;
 - 7 Busybody!
 - 8 Not your excavation!
 - 10 Forfeit;
 - 11 Shade;
 - 12 Material;
 - 13 Convinced;
 - 14 Hard water;
 - 15 Hymns;
 - 16 Isn't meant?
 - 17 Bellow;
 - 18 Flower part;
 - 19 It's indistinct;
 - 20 Bites;
 - 21 Out;
 - 22 Blow.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Sending, 7 Collar, 8 Winger, 9 Plus, 11 Blind, 12 Slave, 13 Felt, 14 Joke, 15 Lager, 16 Once, 17 Page, 21 Records, 22 Sitter, 23 Sifted, Down: 1 Acts, 2 Sloping, 3 Sowed, 4 Brrr, 5 Dangling, 6 Gorges, 10 In-torn, 11 Box, 12 Ascent, 14 Vile, 15 Plunder, 19 Oasis, 20 Post, 22 Part.

INDONESIA HAS NO DESIRE FOR OTHER TERRITORIES—GENERAL NASUTION

Sydney, Apr. 23.
General Abdul Nasution, Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Army, said in a recorded radio and television talk on Sunday night he hoped his visit to Australia would dispel Australia's doubts about Indonesia.

He had had "most invaluable" and "pretty frank" talks on the problem of West Irian.

Indonesia had no thought of, or desire for, other territories close to Indonesia, he said, and wished to settle its claims to West Irian peacefully. "But we have to be alert for difficulties and other things that can keep us from our goal," he declared.

Nasution flew to New Zealand on Sunday for a two day visit. On Wednesday he and Australia's Prime Minister, Robert Menzies, will issue a joint statement in Sydney on their talks on the New Guinea dispute.—AP.

DE GAULLE BECOMES DICTATOR

Paris, Apr. 23.
President Charles de Gaulle took over absolute personal power in France today to meet the threat of civil war posed by the army insurrection in Algeria.

The President announced his decision in a radio-television address to the nation.

It followed claim by the insurgent paratroopers that they had captured Algiers' three major cities and a vital airfield.

President de Gaulle dressed in the general's uniform, he wore as a Free French leader in World War II, assumed the "full powers" under Article 10 of the French Constitution he himself wrote.

BLOODLESS COUP

The chief of state spoke at the end of a day in which the insurgent generals of Algiers claimed to have won control of the military situation in Algeria.



General de Gaulle

Radio Algiers announced that the military command in the key cities of Oran and Constantine had fallen to the paratroopers of the Foreign Legion who swept to power in a bloodless coup in Algiers early yesterday.

"An insurrectional power has taken over in Algiers and the responsible authorities have been submerged," General de Gaulle said.

"Four generals and a group of officers have acted like fanatics... they do not realise that their actions could provoke a national disaster," he said.

"In the name of France, I order that all means, and I repeat all means, must be taken to beat the way to these men," General de Gaulle said.

"I forbid all Frenchmen and all (French) soldiers to obey any of their orders," he said.

THREATENED

The President said the general's action in Algiers threatened to render in vain his effort to achieve a solution of the Algerian problem, at a time when it seemed to be on the point of success.

"Here we see the state confounded, our power degraded, our international prestige lowered and our role and our position in Africa compromised."

"And by whom? Alas, by men whose duty, whose honour and whose reason for being was to uphold them," General de Gaulle said.

General de Gaulle read his brief message with a vibrant appeal for the nation's full support.

"Frenchwomen, Frenchmen, look where France is in danger of going, compared with what it was on the road to becoming once again."

"Frenchwomen, Frenchmen, help me."

Where human guinea pigs died East Germans unveil memorial at death camp site

Oranienburg, Apr. 23.
The poison taken by many Nazi leaders to escape Allied justice was tested previously on inmates of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp in East Germany, it was reported today.

The human guinea pigs died as Nazi guards stood over them with stop watches to record how long it took.

Those who were poisoned in this way were only a small number of the 100,000 who died in the nine years the camp operated. It is 20 miles north of Berlin.

"Others died in the gas chamber and on the gallows. At least 18,000 Russian prisoners of war were shot down in cold blood. At least six British prisoners of war were hanged. Germans, Poles, Czechs, French and nationals of all other Nazi-occupied countries were tortured, beaten, starved or worked to death."

DOCUMENTED

The story of this concentration camp was documented by the East German government at a ceremony unveiling a memorial to those who died here.

Ulrike Dachs and Auschwitz, Sachsenhausen was not a mass extermination camp. But half of its 200,000 inmates died from 1936 to 1945.

It was here that Nazis began their medical experi-

ments on live men, women and children.

The cyanide and other poison taken by Heinrich Himmler, Joseph Goebbels and Hermann Goering was tested here.

"Why?" the camp leaders asked after their arrest, "every-one knows cyanide is fatal."

PAINLESSLY

But the Nazi administrator replied: "The experiments were carried out on the orders of Nazi leaders so that if the war were lost they could kill themselves as quickly and painlessly as possible."

Most of the inmates died in about 15 seconds, according to the step watches of the guards.

Others less fortunate had long drawn out painful deaths.

One of the experiments was designed to study the progress and treatment of gangrene in human beings.

Cuts were made in inmates' legs. Then rags and filthy straw were placed in the wounds and they were sewed up again.—UPI.

Soviet Arctic team return

Moscow, Apr. 23.
The scientific team from the Soviet "North Pole Eight" ice floe station have returned to Leningrad after drifting for 375 days in the Central Arctic region, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

The team landed on an ice floe north of Wrangle Island, in the East Siberian Sea, last April, Tass said.

They drifted more than 1,500 miles over a zig-zag course until they were picked up north of Point Barrow, Alaska.

The team carried out extensive oceanographic, hydro-meteorological, aerological and geophysical surveys, the agency said.—China Mail Special.

Russian diplomats may take up cricket

Canberra, Apr. 23.
The Russians have discovered cricket. Russian diplomats at the embassy in Canberra are talking of learning the game and forming a team after an embassy secretary, Mr. Valentine Puzanov, knocked out seven runs in a charity match here.

A team from various overseas embassies beat an all-Australian Junior Chamber of Commerce team by 50 runs—151 runs to 101.

"I think maybe he should have some practice—maybe we can field a team," Mr. Puzanov said. He added that he had once watched indoor cricket

coaching, and has held a cricket bat while at the Russian Embassy in London. Two Americans and a German were in the embassy's team. One American is reported to have clean-bowled Australian batsmen without even a hint of "baseballer's action,"—China Mail Special.

Demand for curb on coloured migrants

London, Apr. 23.
An employment committee in a big London area appealed to the Government today for a curb on immigration into Britain because "nearly one-third" of all the registered unemployed in their district were coloured.

The appeal was sent to the Ministry of Labour by the employment committee for Paddington and Marylebone.

It declared that all the members of the committee believed that "immigration into these islands of men and women without industrial skills, accommodation or money is building up a grave social problem which could give rise to explosive situations in the future."

Mr. George Lowe, a member of the committee told reporters tonight: "We are all shocked and feel that some action must be taken."

"We are gravely concerned that literally tens of thousands of immigrants are expected in the next few months."

"A great many will be coming to these islands here (in Paddington and Marylebone)."

Hitch in formation of Belgium cabinet

Brussels, Apr. 23.
A last minute hitch over the number of ministerial posts to be created has delayed the formation of Belgium's projected Catholic-Socialist Coalition Government, official sources said here today.

M. Theo Lefevre, Catholic Prime Minister-designate, and M. Paul-Henri Spaak, Socialist Prime Minister-designate, hoped to have the new government—replacing the 81-year-old Catholic-Liberal Alliance—declared in last month's elections—completed by tonight.

The sources added that it had been agreed yesterday that the new cabinet would have 11 Catholic and 11 Socialist ministers, plus an "honorary" cabinet of 10 "key ministers."

Each of the two parties... Reuter.

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Six accused of bribery bids NEW DRIVING TEST CONSPIRACY CASE OPENS

Five men and a woman appeared in Victoria District Court today on charges of conspiring to solicit money from persons taking the driving test with intent to corrupt the authorised examiners.

The charges relate to the driving tests before March last year and the practical side of the test after March. They do not involve the written driving test.

Mr. Howard Hobson, Crown Counsel, pointed out that prior to March the driving test was a single entity, but then it was divided into practical and written tests which were taken at different times.

'Big Company'
He said that about November, 1959, a syndicate was formed with the express intention of consolidating the individual efforts of its members in "fixing" driving tests in Kowloon.

The syndicate took on the name "Tai Kung Sze" meaning "Big Company". Mr. Hobson said. All but one of the accused were active members of this syndicate.

Mr. Hobson said that a nominee — a person who wanted to have his driving test fixed — would approach or be approached by Tai Kung Sze members and would pay a sum of money, possibly \$300.

The Tai Kung Sze would find out who the testing officer would be and get in touch with him. One member would station himself on the test route on the day of the test and signal the testing officer that he was testing one of the nominees, Mr. Hobson said.

If the nominee was passed by the testing officer the Tai Kung Sze member would pay the officer \$200.

Mr. Hobson said that books which were seized in the flat of one of the accused would be produced.

The books were in code, but when decoded gave details of driving tests which coincided with tests actually given, he said.

Adjourned
Mr. Hobson then mentioned the conviction of a man named Paul Chan alias Chan Kwok-shui last year for corruptly giving money to a police probationary inspector in regard to four driving tests.

Judge K.H. Macfee recalled that, as Acting Police Judge, he had sat on the appellate court which upheld Chan's conviction.

He adjourned the hearing until this afternoon so that defence counsel could study the record of the appeal and consider whether Judge Macfee could properly continue the trial.

The accused are Tang Kam-hing, 34, a Government clerk, of 402 Maitland-road, 2nd floor; Fung King-wai, 47, assistant manager of the Wing On Insurance Co. Room 625 Azzura House, Shamshing, Chau Fat alias Lai Tung, 37, a merchant of 25 Pang Ching-street, 4th floor;

Yuen Pui-hang alias Lung Ho, wife of a driving instructor, of 208 Maitland-road, 2nd floor, and Tang Kam-shing, 40, Government clerk, of 12 San Wai-street, 2nd floor.

Mr. Patrick Yu represents the first accused, Mr. C. T. K. Tung the second, Mr. Henry Litton the third and fourth, Mr. A. J. Arellu the fifth and Mr. Leo Y. K. QC, and Mr. Patrick Yu the sixth.

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Trained princess

Melbourne, Apr. 23.
A woman who once trained Princess Sophie of Greece in nursing, today took over the secretaryship of the International Council of Nurses. She is Miss Helene Nussbaum, a Swiss who speaks five languages.

Letters from you to the editor HONGKONG THE WORLD'S MOST 'HOSPITABLE SPOT'

dear sir:
I enclose a piece about me which appeared in William Hickey's column in the Daily Express last Saturday, which I would be most grateful if you would print and display prominently in your paper in order to dispel the most unfortunate impression created by the previous piece which you reprinted from that column.

With best wishes,
ROBIN MAUGHAM.

The article in question refers to Viscount Maugham's recent trip to the Far East and makes only one reference to Hongkong. "He found Hongkong the world's most hospitable spot". An earlier article published in the same column suggested that Lord Maugham "loathed" Hongkong. He cabled to the China Mail last month saying this was "an erroneous impression."

Grimwood's talk to Round Table

A talk on Hongkong, stressing the importance of the Colony's trade with the United Kingdom in relation to its problem of people, was given by the Director of the London Office of the Hongkong Government, Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, when he attended a meeting of the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Round Table last month.

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Roads to be closed

As from 8 a.m. tomorrow, Tong Shui-road, on the west side of the nullah between Java-road and King's-road, will be closed to all traffic.

The closure is necessary to facilitate the relaying of tramlines in that section of the road-way.

Major drainage operations will start tomorrow in Jaffe-road between Percival-street and Lockhart-road.

To enable the drainage work to be carried out, that section of Jaffe-road will be closed to all parking of vehicles as from 8 a.m. tomorrow.

Traffic signs will be placed in position for the guidance of motorists in each case.

Discovery of vast Roman burial ground

Rome, Apr. 23.
An Italian archaeologist has found a burial ground he believes to contain the remains of Romans slain by Hannibal in the battle of Lake Trasimeno almost 23 centuries ago.

Prof. Giancarlo Susini says with the aid of an aerial survey he located the burial ground not far from the scene of the battle in which Hannibal's Carthaginian army ambushed a Roman army of 25,000 led by Flaminius on June 24, 217 B.C.

The invaders from Carthage killed 16,000 Romans and made the other 9,000 prisoners. Flaminius was slain.

CREMATIONS
Hannibal's forces surprised the Romans in a valley near the lake and attacked from the rear and the flanks. Lake Trasimeno is midway between Rome and Florence.

Susini says graves in the burial ground contain ashes, indicating mass cremations. His claim of finding the burial ground comes a few weeks after two other Italian archaeologists cast doubt on the authenticity of another burial ground at Cannae, long believed to have been connected with the Punic wars. They said it seemed more like a medieval cemetery.—AP.

OLD BEGGAR JAILED FOR A YEAR

Fung Chik-sang, a 77-year-old man, was sentenced to 12 months jail by Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court today for begging. He denied the charge.

Inspector Y. C. Lam said on April 23 defendant was seen begging from pedestrians outside the Redifusion Building, Gloucester-road. He was arrested by a plainclothes constable.

The defendant had 18 previous convictions, the majority for begging.

New Kowloon building scheme

An application for exemption for three 40-year-old houses at 161, 163, 165 Reclamation-street, Kowloon, was made to a Tenancy Tribunal this morning, presided over by Mr. W. Aneurin Jones.

The applicants, a father and son, Mr. Fong Man-sun and Fong Fu-hang, want to erect three modern eight-storey houses on the site, to contain 21 tenement flats, and three shops.

The cost of the new building would be \$223,733.

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Rita and Rex—legends who have come to terms with life



Hayworth... not an inch of change in 15 years

Madrid. REX HARRISON and Rita Hayworth are filming together for the first time. Together they have a style and a dash and a daring which the newer legions of film stars seem to miss. For Harrison this film, "Once Upon a Theft," is the anniversary of 25 years of being a star. A quarter of a century ago he appeared in Terence Rattigan's "French Without Tears" and his name and his fame were made.

For Rita Hayworth this is more a print of departure than an anniversary. A final shaking of her flaming red hair at the old "Gilda" and "Cover Girl" and "You Were Never Lovelier" days. What days they were! Rita Hayworth, being a Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Taylor rolled into one. Now Miss Hayworth is launching herself into comedy (with Mr. Harrison as guide), and from what I've seen here in Madrid this combination is likely to prove the most stimulating of the year.

A label

"But there seems to be this label 'Oh Rex Harrison was charming as ever'—hung around my neck. And I loathe it. The truth is that I am not charming at all... unless the part demands it. 'In a film made with Doris Day recently I play a husband who is secretly plotting to get rid of his wife. If my wife in the film were not to see through me right away of course I had

to appear to be charming and debonair and gay and the rest of it. That's the truth I saw in that part. 'But the truth also is that off-stage I can be far from charming. I am acid. Acid. I have a direct tongue and I say what I think is the truth and I don't give a damn for the consequences.

Sadness

"I want to shed parts with the continuous bright, gay laugh. The expectation that I'll have a casual shrug and a martini glass is a hangover from the days before French Without Tears, and before I went into the Air Force. 'You can't jump straight from a martini glass into Chekhov's 'Platonov' (for which he won the Evening Standard Best Actor Award last year) without some preparation and some very serious work. We talked then of other changes in Rex Harrison, the man. It is two years since his whopping success in 'My Fair Lady' and 18 months since the death of his wife, Kay Kendall. He said, very softly: 'I have been a migratory bird... I have deliberately. Some people can take refuge from their worries and their sadness by going mountain climbing, or shooting,

by DAVID LEWIN

or sailing around the world. I sought refuge in work. I rushed into it to help forget. 'I went into a play on Broadway and then to Hollywood for a film. I came to England for 'Platonov'. Now I am here in Spain....

"So I kept my mind off the agony of losing Kate. But now, from being migratory I want to be—how shall I put it?—sedentary.

"I would like to settle for a bit and work at just one thing for a long time and build something.

"The misery of Kate's death no longer forces me to keep on the move. Rex Harrison cut a thin cigar and we moved over to talk to Rita Hayworth and her 12-year-old daughter Yasmin.

Proud

Yasmin is staying with her mother during her holiday from the International School in Geneva. Her father was Aly Khan, Miss Hayworth's third husband. Yasmin is a cheerful, bright child, apparently unspoiled. She is also an heiress. "But I give her an allowance of 10 Swiss francs a week (that is 16s. 6d.) and that is all she is permitted to spend," said Rita Hayworth. "I want her to be practical about money."

Rita Hayworth with her daughter (her other daughter, Rebecca, whose father is Orson Welles, is at home in California) present an entirely different picture from the accepted film one. "I have looked after them myself and paid for them myself. There is no compromise for me where my children are concerned... and I can hold my head high.

"I have worked for my living since I was 13 and I am 42 years old now and I know I'm not the same glamour girl that I was 20 years ago. I have no worries about growing older and seeing another wrinkle in the mirror....

"I hear some women are like that, but what is the point of worrying. It is natural to grow old and I am a lot wiser than I used to be and I know a lot more about my craft. I want to go on acting for a long time."

No regrets

However else she may have changed since these "Cover Girl" days her figure remains the same—to the inch. A veteran fitter at Balmain in Paris checked on her measurements the other day and found after 15 years they were still 36in. bust, 25in. waist, and 34in. hips.

"I don't slim or diet—I play golf (handicap 25). I have learned to relax. 'The old tensions are slipping. My children and my husband give me a security that perhaps was lacking. I said to her then: 'You seem so practical and realistic about your children and your career... yet in your private life you seem to have missed those qualities. After all, you have been married five times.'"



Rex Harrison with Rita Hayworth's daughter Yasmin, who has a walk-on part (fee, £2 18s. 6d.) in their new film.

She answered: "Life can't all be smooth. How dull it would be if it were. I don't complain about anything. I have no regrets... but regret is probably the wrong word. When I married it seemed to be the right thing to do at the time.

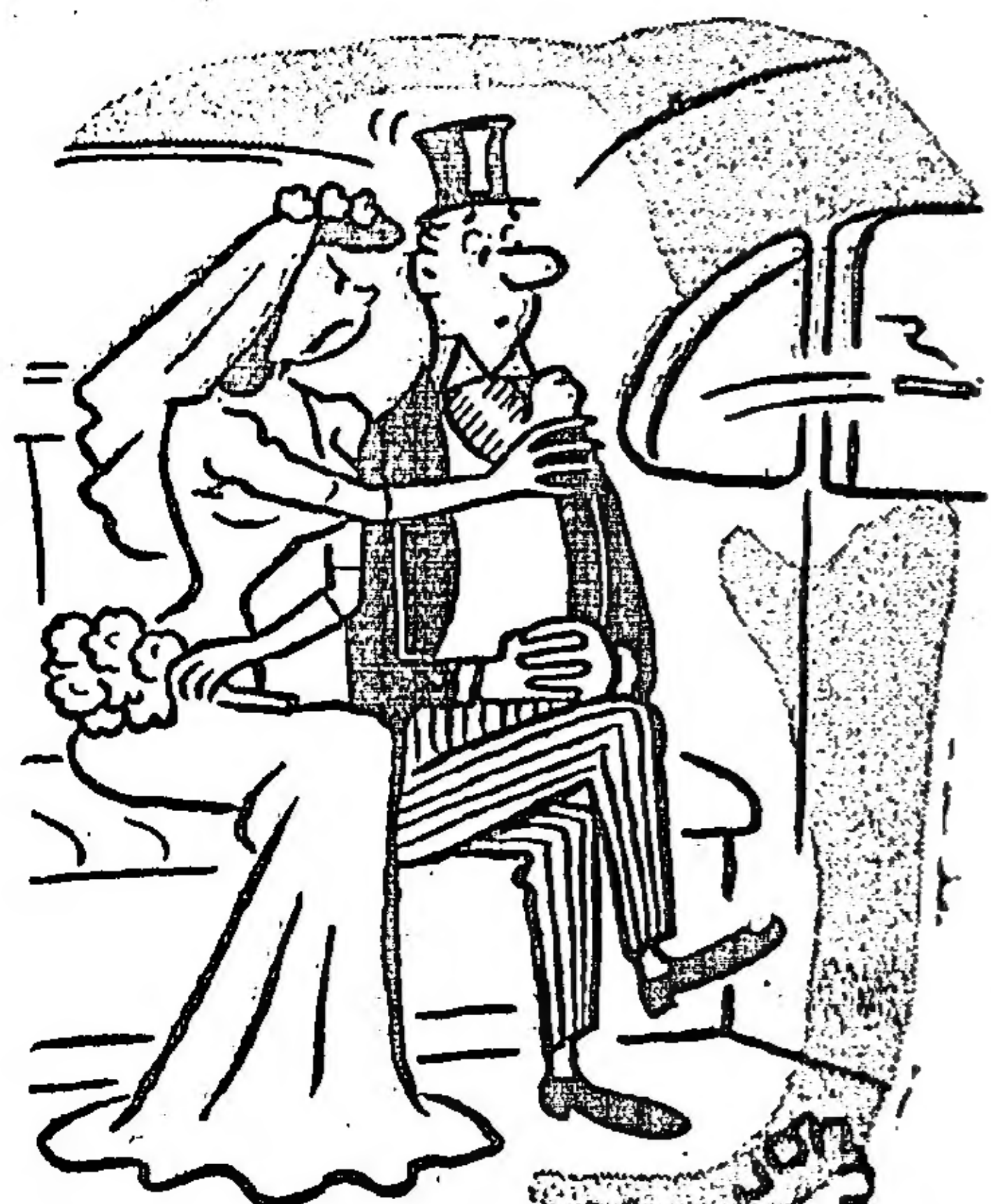
"They were not mistakes at the time. Only afterwards perhaps did they seem like mistakes. 'And the future? I just want to be content... perhaps I shall be.'"

There seemed to be a question mark hanging there to which her present husband, James Hill, the producer of her film, provides a part answer. He describes his wife, Rita Hayworth, star, like this: "A partly subdued volcano that could erupt at any moment. She explodes about every three weeks at home but never when she is working.

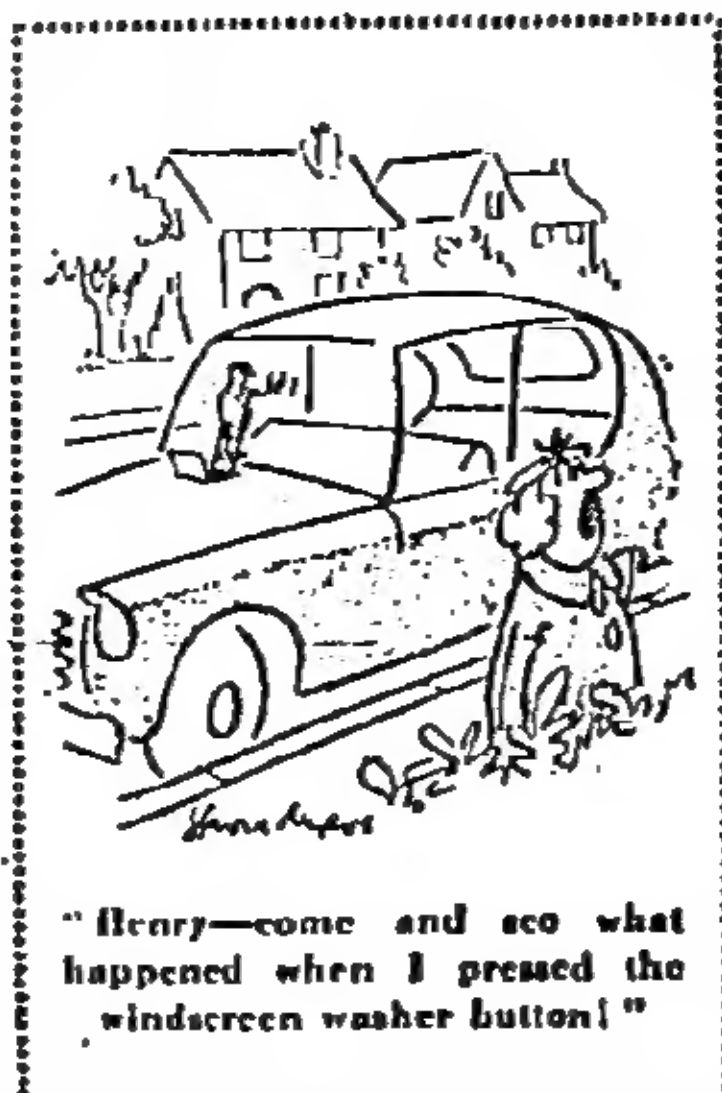
"That's what makes her great." Explosiveness in Rita and Rex—that is the key quality that makes for excitement.

—(London Express Service).

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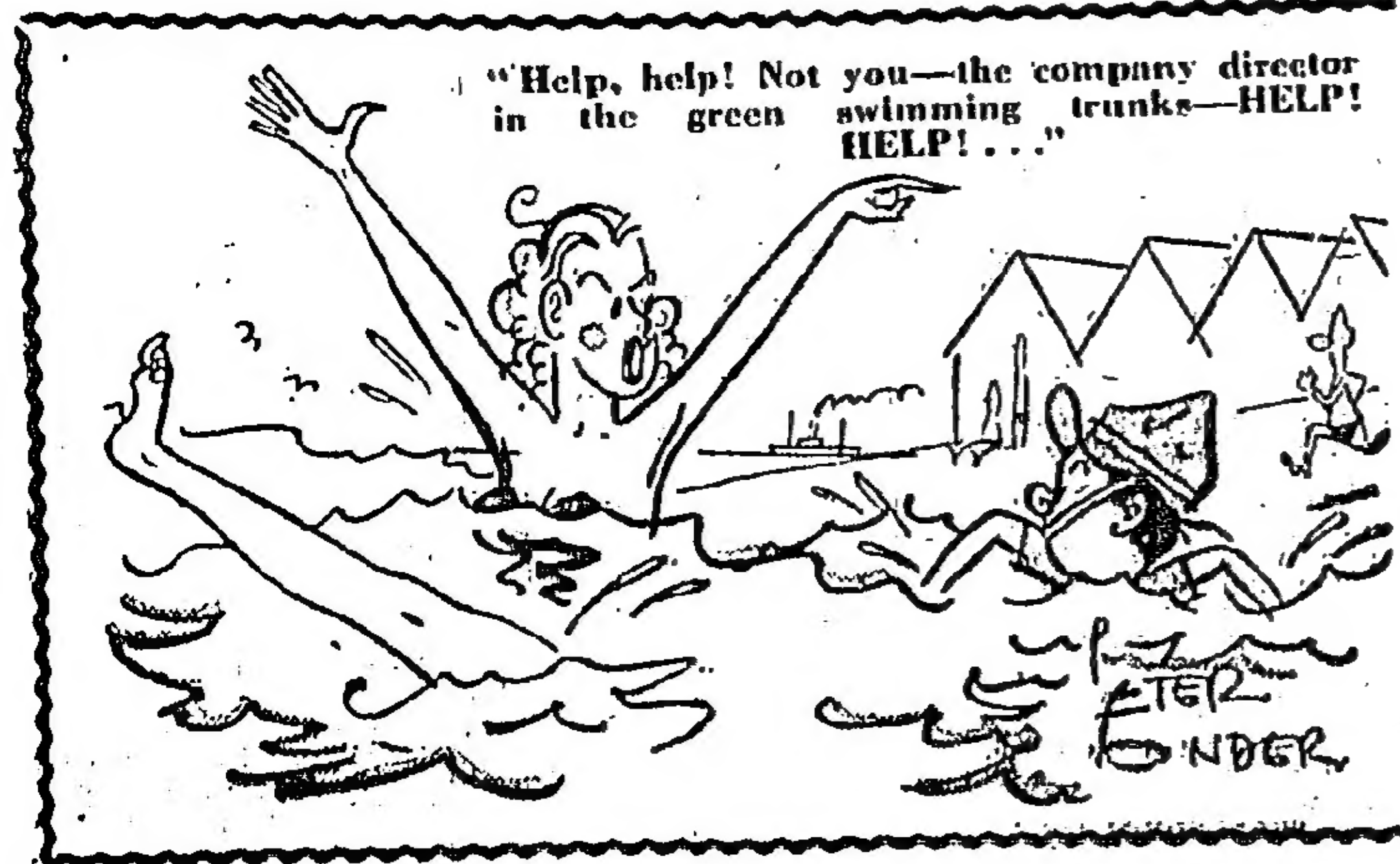
"You might as well know now—I hate smoking!"



"Henry—come and see what happened when I pressed the windscreen washer button!"



"This is it—God save the Queen!"



"Help, help! Not you—the company director in the green swimming trunks—HELP! HELP!..."

IS THE KEYSTONE OF BEN-GURION'S POLICY IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE?

AS the French government and the Algerian nationalist leaders move hesitantly towards peace-talks on Lake Geneva, their actions are being watched with growing anxiety by an angry old man in a far-distant city. The city: Tel-Aviv. The old man: David Ben-Gurion, Premier of Israel.

For Ben-Gurion, peace in Algeria could mean the collapse of his personal foreign policy, built up in great secrecy and with considerable ruthlessness over the past five years. It could mean the loss of Israel's one reliable ally, France.

Since the creation of the Israeli state in 1947, the Israelis have become increasingly dependent on France for their military survival. Britain, with her heavy commitments in the Arab world has always been inclined to conciliate the Arabs at Israel's expense. For a few brief months, during the Suez crisis, the Israelis enjoyed a spell of popularity in Downing-street. Today, with Nasser restored to favour, and full diplomatic relations with Egypt resumed, Israel can no longer expect to get arms from Britain.

The United States, too, grows steadily more hostile. The 1956 elections showed that the Jewish vote in New York State was no longer decisive.

America's oil stake in the Middle East grows steadily. And with Mr. Kennedy striving at all costs to rally the "uncommitted" States at the UNO, friendship with Israel is a heavy liability.

SECRET TALKS

— THEN —

But in recent years, Anglo-American coldness to Israel has been more than compensated by the anxiety of France to build up Israel as a counterpoise to Nasser.

Engaged in what seemed a permanent war of attrition with the Arab world in Algeria, successive French governments readily supplied Israel with arms and even direct physical help.

From the summer of 1959, French fighters and military technicians flowed in a steady stream to Israel. The timing of the Israeli offensive in Sinai was

discussed at secret talks between Ben-Gurion and the French Premier Guy Mollet near Paris. French aircraft and ships provided vital sea-and-air cover while Israeli troops smashed Nasser's army in the desert.

'REALISTIC' POLICY

On the basis of this alliance Ben-Gurion was able to pursue an increasingly "realistic" policy towards the Arab states. Israeli plans to negotiate peace were pushed into the background. It was made plain to the Arabs that any forward moves on their part would meet with a devastating rejoinder.

Indeed, it was even hinted that, thanks to France, Israel would soon possess nuclear weapons.

Behind Ben-Gurion stood two young and determined men: Shimon Peres, his chief assistant at the Defence Ministry, and General Dayan, his leading soldier.

Together this trio planned and executed the Sinai war, and later fought and won an election on this issue. Either Peres or Dayan, Ben-Gurion hopes, will one day succeed him as premier and carry on his policy of tough realpolitik towards the Arab world.

DEPLORE AND DETEST

But there are growing signs that Ben-Gurion is in trouble. Israel has always contained a large number of idealists, who believe passionately that their State should act only on the highest principles. They deplore and detest Ben-Gurion's ruthlessness, and hold that Israel can only become reconciled to its Arab neigh-

bours on a basis of compromise and concession.

Recently they have been able to harry the government by concentrating on the mysterious centrist, on the mysterious "Lavon Affair." Its details are still obscure, but there seems little doubt that in November 1954, Israeli agents, acting on Ben-Gurion's instructions, dynamited the United States Information Libraries in Cairo and Alexandria in an attempt to embarrass the United States with Nasser.

Despite Ben-Gurion's efforts to hush up the affair, it has finally split his government wide open. Now the issue will be decided at general elections which will probably be held in August, in what will amount to a plebiscite on Ben-Gurion's

leadership and the policy of realpolitik.

Ben-Gurion himself is trying to whip up Israeli nationalism by staging the present elaborate show-trial of Eichmann. By reminding the Israeli electorate of Nazi war crimes, the premier hopes to sweep to victory at the polls.

MOTIVES WILL DISAPPEAR

But at this precise moment, the keystone of his foreign policy—the French alliance—shows signs of collapsing. For once France makes peace in Algeria

HAS AMERICA GOT MAU MAU ON ITS DOORSTEP?

NEW YORK.

A FANATICALLY anti-white secret society calling itself "The Black Muslims" is causing grave concern to American police and F.B.I. chiefs.

They fear that if it ever got out of control the movement could develop into an American Mau Mau. At meetings throughout America, excited Negro audiences are watching a dramatic symbolic playlet put on by the Black Muslims. Its highlight: a white man sentenced to death. The F.B.I. estimates the movement has a nationwide all-Negro membership of 100,000.

'Elijah' Much of its recruiting is carried out in prisons where embittered Negro convicts make easy converts.

Recently there have been riots among Negro prisoners in a number of American jails, following attempts by the authorities to stamp out Black Muslim recruiting.

And it was Black Muslim thugs who recently broke up a UNO debate on the Congo. The movement—which claims to follow the teaching of the Prophet Mohammed—is led by a Negro calling himself Elijah Muhammad.

During the visit of Castro to New York last year, the bearded Cuban held a secret meeting lasting two hours with the leader of New York's Black Muslims, who claims that he can whiskie up 200 of his followers within five minutes of the outbreak of any race disturbance in Harlem.

One of the declared aims of the movement is the peaceful taking over of one-fifth of the area of the United States to set up a separate "Negro only" country.

Open war

But according to Negro sociologist Dr. C. Eric Lincoln—whose book "The Black Muslims in America" is soon to be published—the movement already has a highly trained "secret army" called the Fruit of Islam. Lincoln describes this as "a potential phoenix of black men ready to wage open war against the entire white community in case of white provocation."

They receive secret training in judo, military drill, and the use of knives and blackjacks, he says. It is not unlikely that they are gathering an armoury of small arms "for the Fruit of Islam looks forward to playing a heroic role in the impending battle of Armageddon," he declares.

The Black Muslims scorn their fellow Negroes who merely demand equality with the whites, hold "sit-in" strikes, and challenge segregation laws in the courts.

For this fanatical and fast-growing movement is not content with the whites. Muhammad says: "We must take things into our own hands. What does it matter if 10,000,000 of us die? There will be 7,000,000 of us left to enjoy justice and freedom."

PETER HONKIRK —(London Express Service).

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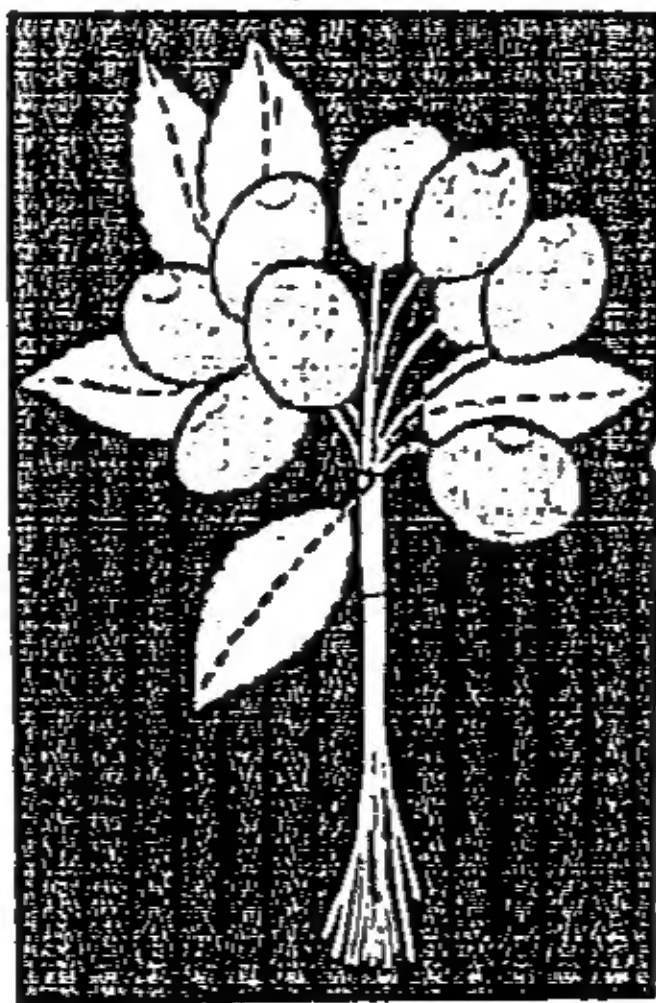
WITH SPRING unable to make up its mind between lion and lamb, a hood-scarf is probably a more topical buy than a new Easter bonnet. This one is pretty enough to wear on a sunny day, practical enough to stay anchored to your head during a force nine gale.

In pure silk, patterned with climbing convolvulus, London Express Service.



STRIKE A SPARK WITH CHERRIES

PRETTIEST, newest idea to spark up a suit—a bunch of glossy red cherries worn on one shoulder. (They are so realistic our artist's six-year-old was convinced summer had come.) Paris designer, Pierre Cardin, thought up the idea—the best alternative to the lapel brooch I have seen in years.



MAN-MADE FIBRES

by
Jill
Butterfield

THE newest type of chemical equation has entered the fashion world. $H_2O + \text{soap-suds} + \text{sense} = \text{good grooming}$.

For the mazziest summer fashions all go into the washtub, and all emerge dandbox fresh.

Today's well-dressed girl relies on a washing machine—and a formula.

But, although washing machines get smoother, detergents get suddier, and bigger and better numbers of man-made fibres hit the market every year (there are 44 on sale in Britain today), women still try to wash these test-tube miracles in much the same way as their grandmothers tubbed their tough flannel sheets.

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And that is the reason why one hears so many complaints about the wearability of the new synthetics, the washability of the drip-dry.

It's no use thinking that because you're a wash-tub slave every Monday you know all there is to know about the technique. Laundering the new man-made fabrics is a real question of mind over material.

However, most garments made from reputable synthetic fibres carry a how-to-wash tab with them.

But for those of you who have lost the label, bought an unidentified fabric, or are a bit lost among all the scientific jargon, I give you the experts' simplified guide on preserving your fibre fashions.

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ALWAYS wash before the garment really needs it. Dirt which sets in is harder to remove.

ALWAYS make sure that soap flakes or washing powders are completely dissolved and the suds are frothy before you start your wash.

ALWAYS keep your coloured clothes separate from your white garments.

NEVER use boiling water.

NEVER leave the garments soaking in the suds. Rinse immediately and very thoroughly.

NEVER rub or scrub too harshly, squeeze the dirt out.



Lace mats, collars or dollies are easily washed if they are placed in a sieve top jar of soapy water, shaken well, and rinsed in the usual way.

To remove mildew, mix soft soap and powdered starch. Add half the amount of salt and juice of a lemon. Lay on both sides of the mark with a brush. Leave in the open air for several hours and then wash in the usual way.

When chopping food keep the point of the knife firmly on the chopping board all the time with the left hand. Chop by moving the handle up and down smartly, swinging backwards and forwards in a semi-circle.

The best cleanser for varnished paintwork is vinegar and cold water applied with a chamois leather. Paraffin is also effective but has one drawback: varnished paint cleaned with paraffin is easily finger-marked afterwards.



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MONDAY, APRIL 24

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): It will be to your credit if you freely admit a mistake, and express your willingness to make it good.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): If you want to keep your self-respect, don't even consider a chance to make some extra money at someone else's expense.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Lack of foresight could land you in serious financial difficulties. You must be more thrifty if you want to keep solvent.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Watch out for fluctuations in popular taste that could affect your business.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Don't waste your leisure on a completely unnecessary job tonight if you have a chance to go out and enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): A newcomer to your social circle may try to break up a bond of long standing, but will only succeed in making himself disliked.

LEO (July 22-August 21): No matter how eager you may be to start something entirely new, force yourself to finish the job in hand.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): You may have to turn down a more attractive invitation in order to attend a family celebration.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Before approaching a superior with

a request, make sure you are prepared to answer any queries he would be likely to raise.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): A well-meaning relative would be deeply hurt if you rejected his generous offer of help.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): You will have to overcome some opposition before starting on an important assignment today.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Try using your charm if all other efforts have failed to gain your objective.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If your birthday is this week, you will find a symbol of good fortune in a gift of a wine decanter.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

IN the last three hands of this week I will draw on my old files. Today's North hand was held by the late Ely Culbertson.

Ely was an expert in all departments of the game, but reached his greatest heights as a strategist.

East was also a strategist, but by no means the master that Ely was.

The first three bids were reasonable although South did not have much of a vulnerable two heart overall. Now, see what Ely did with the North hand.

Normal strategy would dictate that he slow play it and merely bid five hearts with the intention of letting East and West push him all the way to seven. However, Ely knew his East player and jumped right to seven hearts on the theory that East would think Ely was trying to get him to save at seven spades.

Sure enough, that was exactly what East decided and he boomed out a double. South

NORTH		EAST (D)	
♠	None	♠	AJ1043
♥	KQ108	♥	82
♦	A KQJT6432	♦	95
♣	None	♣	AK72

WEST		SOUTH	
♠	KQ8762	♠	AJ9753
♥	4	♥	8
♦	10	♦	710984
♣	Q553	♣	AK72

North and South vulnerable	East South West North
1♠ 2♥ 4♠ 7♥	Double Pass Pass Redouble
Pass Pass Pass	Opening lead—♠3

and West passed and when it got back to Ely he redoubled.

East passed like a shot. He was certain that Ely's redouble was another effort to coax a seven spade bid. In fact East was so sure of his ground that after West passed, East remarked that he wished that he could redouble Ely's redouble.

Needless to say, Ely would have granted the wish if he could have done so legally.

♥♦CARD Sense♦♥

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1♠ East
2♠ Pass 4NT Pass
3♦ Pass ?

You, South, hold:
♠KJ853 ♥K32 ♦A854 ♣8

A—Did six spades only. Your partner may have the right cards for seven, but it is not worth while trying to find out.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner opens one heart and jumps to three hearts over your one spade response. What do you do with this same hand?

Answer Tomorrow

Rupert and the Paper-fall—34



There is great excitement as the sledge is unpacked and the presents are sorted and handed round while Rupert and Edward tell their pals of their adventures and how the parcels were chosen for them. The others are too excited to listen closely. "They are jolly late,"

says they? " says Percy, "but, my, they look worth waiting for!" And they go home to open them. As they go Rupert finds Alay Pug standing gloomily beside him. "Just my luck!" sighs Alay. "Lovely presents for everyone except poor me!"

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Magic Merry-Go-Round

—Merlin Feeds Wooden Animals Wooden Food—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW, in the middle of the Park," said Hanid, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-About Name, to her brother Knarf, "was a Merry-Go-Round."

"I know that one," said Knarf. "You can sit on Horses and you can sit on Birds and you can sit on Fish."

"I like the Horses best," said Hanid, "because they go up and down."

Knarf likes Fish

"I like the Fish," said Knarf, "because they go from side to side."

Knarf and Hanid both agreed that even though one preferred the Horses because they went up and down and the other preferred the Fish because they went from side to side, they both liked the Birds, because they spun 'round and 'round.

As if they're alive

"The way they move," Hanid said, "it's almost as if they were alive."

"I wish they were alive," said Knarf.

"They are alive!" said a Voice.

Knarf and Hanid turned around to see their friend Mr. Merlin, the Magnificent Magician, coming out from behind the bookcase.

Three bags

He was carrying three bags. One bag was filled with lumps of sugar.

The second bag was filled with juicy worms.

The third bag was filled with bread crumbs.

"In fact," Mr. Merlin explained, "I'm about to go and feed those Merry-Go-Round Horses and Birds and Fishes this minute."

Can't be alive

"But they can't be alive!" said Hanid.

"They're made of wood!" exclaimed Knarf.

Nevertheless, Knarf and Hanid ran along beside Mr. Merlin, up one street and down another, until finally, all out of breath, they reached the Merry-Go-Round in the middle of the Park.

The sun had already set. It was beginning to grow dark.

The Merry-Go-Round was still.

In the half light, Knarf and Hanid could see the Merry-Go-Round Horses and Fish and Birds.

"They aren't moving at all," Hanid whispered to her brother.

"And I don't think they will, either," Knarf whispered back to Hanid. "They're made of wood. They only move when the Merry-Go-Round goes around."

And now Mr. Merlin did a really remarkable thing.

Strange words

He mumbled some strange words in some strange language.

Then he opened the three bags and called out: "Come, Horses! Come, Birds! Come, Fish!"

Knarf and Hanid rubbed their eyes in astonishment.



The Shadows saw their friend Merlin with three bags.

The next second the Horses started prancing up and down. The Fish started swaying from side to side.

They all ate

The Birds started spinning 'round and 'round... and they all came for their lumps of sugar, their juicy worms and for their bread crumbs.

"But, Mr. Merlin," said Hanid later, "how could you make those Merry-Go-Round creatures act as though they were alive?"

"Easy, my dear," said Mr. Merlin. "All you have to be is a Magnificent Magician like I am."

Most remarkable thing

"But you haven't seen the most remarkable thing of all."

Then he showed them the few lumps of sugar that were left at the bottom of the bags, and the few worms and bread crumbs that were in his hand.

And Knarf and Hanid saw that even the 'lumps' of sugar were squares of wood, and the juicy worms were wooden shavings, and the bread crumbs were nothing more nor less than tiny splinters of wood.

Happy Valley . . . 3, Tung Wah . . . 3 'T'WAS A PROPER SHOCKER!

Two star studded sides in a poor advertisement for Colony football

By I. M. MacTAVISH

This First Division match was played before some 12,000 spectators at the Hongkong Stadium yesterday. Frequently it came close to being an insult to their soccer intelligence. The record books will indicate only that Tung Wah and Happy Valley shared six goals and two points. It is fortunate for the peace of mind of the players involved that it will not describe in detail the utter futility of the whole affair.

The thousands who turned up to watch these two sides in action had to pay prices ranging from \$1.20 to \$3.50 and maybe they had a better case for demanding a refund of their money than did the crowds who demonstrated so ominously a couple of weeks ago.

In the secessionist big official stadium worthy match dipped and dragged to almost unrecognizable depths. The standard of football was really too bad to be true and some of the goals that were scored were to use a borrowed and modified phrase from one of our not too distant neighbours—presented delusio. That is as generous as I can be.

In recent times the Hongkong soccer scene has been liberally sprinkled with gossip and rumours of betting, gambling, and match fixing and quite frankly this was the sort of game which surely made even the most tolerant and disbelieving folk stop and wonder.

Two minutes later the generous compliments were being exchanged at the other end. Au Pang-nin sent a curling corner into the Tung Wah goalmouth where it received just about the same hospitality as a case of cholera. No one wanted to hear it but the ball had other ideas. It bounced awkwardly, struck Leung Kwai-hong and finished high up in the net.

The only reaction this time was the familiar pantomime of shaking heads and widespread arms. It was a charade of excuses from the defenders. The first half did have its brief moments of action, but if you went swimming, boating, picnicking or merely having a quiet Sunday nap, constant yourself lucky you did not have to sit out the second half of this macabre affair.

The really funny business started in the 50th minute. Happy Valley carried the ball into the opposition's penalty area and when the action shifted back to midfield it was seen that Law Pak was sitting on the ground tenderly caressing his knee. Happy Valley must have spotted this too for they banged the ball to their left wing and, to the apparent consternation of his Law Pak was sitting on the ground, and allowed Leung

Wai-hung to amble ahead towards the goal. The winger waited unmolested and patiently for his mates to get into position and then, unhindered, he trundled the ball to Chu Wing-putting it into the net. The entire Tung Wah defence was still A.W.O.L. . . . or something.

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Truman tennis sisters



Christine Truman, aged 20, has a sister Nell, aged 14, and Christine thinks so highly of little Nell as Britain's latest tennis hope that the two partnered in the women's doubles at the Connaught Club's tournament in Chingford, Essex, recently. Nell had a setback not long ago, when she was beaten by Margaret Cox in the Essex junior semi-final. But her mother, Mrs Clara Truman, said: "She plays like a champion in private, but was so nervous that she was unrecognisable. But she will master her nerves with experience." Said Christine: "Nell can still be a champion—but then I'm terribly biased." Picture shows: Christine Truman (left) and her sister Nell at practice.—Express Photo.

Italy takes commanding lead in world bridge

Buenos Aires, Apr. 23. Whatever faint chance remained of stopping Italy from winning its fourth straight victory in the World Bridge Team Championship for the Bermuda Bowl rested in the hands of the United States as these two teams got ready to meet today.

Each team had won two matches against Argentina and France. But with 90 deals of the U.S.-Italy match already completed and only 48 remaining, Italy holds an all but insurmountable 83 international match point lead, 226 to 133.

The U.S. cannot do worse than finish second in the tournament. The other final match today is between Argentina and France, with Argentina leading by 21 points after 96 deals, 216 to 214. The winner of this match will finish third.

In Saturday's play, the United States piled up a huge number of points in the final 20 deals against Argentina, to win by 127 imps, 411 to 284.

Meanwhile, Italy made sure of victory over France with another game which gave them a final margin of 110 imps, 371 to 261.—AP.

WINS WOMEN'S TENNIS

Paris, Apr. 23. Margaret Smith, Australia's "hope" for the Wimbledon title this year, won the women's singles final in the Paris international lawn tennis championships which ended today.

The tall, 16-year-old Australian champion beat Florence De La Courville, the French number one, by 6-1, 6-3. She dominated the match with her all-round courtcraft.

Pierre Darmon won the men's singles title, beating Gerard Pilot 4-0, 6-3, 6-1, in the all-French final.—Reuter.

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Britain's soccer stars look to 1962 World Cup

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Scotland will play Ireland on May 3 and 7, followed by a game in Bratislava on May 14 against Czechoslovakia. England travels to Lisbon for another World Cup match against Portugal on May 21.

Wales journeys to Spain for a return against the Spanish stars this week.

And Northern Ireland sets off on a tour taking in a match against West Germany.

Only two teams are sure of a place in the world finals—host country Chile and defending champions Brazil. They go in automatically without having to qualify.

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Brian Young wins Vespa Club Gymkhana

By "OLLY VAS"

Thirty-one scooterists, including two ladies, the Misses Fern Horri and Anna Ding braved the inclement weather yesterday to take part in the Vespa Club of Hongkong's Annual Gymkhana held at the airstrip in Shatin.

The overall winner was a British serviceman Brian Young of the B. M. H. while the Club President Joe Botelho took second place and a newcomer to Vespa competition, Hansel Kwok did well enough to end up in third place.

After the usual practice spins over the course Jimmy Foo, assisted by marshals Ricky Souza and Ollly Vas started the riders off on the first of the five events. This involved them taking their machines in a clockwise direction around five obstacles and Brian Young lapped the fastest time, 43 seconds flat to take a commanding lead of 20 pts right from the beginning.

The second event required driving skill for all the scooterists had to drive between three narrow lanes, marked out by slats of wood and a penalty of 5 seconds was added to the time recorded by each driver.

Cheung Kan Shu did it in 62.8 seconds and Hansel Kwok secured himself of third place by doing it in 63.4 seconds.

Around 6.00 pm it was all over and a tired group of scooterists dispersed quietly to await the presentation of the award to the winner, Brian Young.

The afternoon was not without its moment of humour for in the 'eggs' event one driver parted company with the egg on his left foot.

One slipped off his machine around an obstacle and got a free bath while yet another missed by a foot or so a stray calf! It was generally agreed that the weather had not even spoiled the fun even though everyone got drenched.

NOT EASY

It was not as easy as it looked for two drivers managed to veer out of the lanes and lost precious seconds as a result.

Young added to his tally of points by driving perfectly between the lanes in the very good time of 29.8 seconds. Hansel Kwok was second in 31.9 seconds and just pipped Ollly Vas who was third in 35 seconds.

The ladies, said to say were nowhere in the picture this time. The third event had barely started, around 6.00 when the rain started coming down in sheets and everyone dashed for the nearest available shelter.

Twenty minutes later the Gymkhana resumed but this time the many spectators had decided to call it a day and the competitors were left alone to carry on with the final three events.

The Slatom involved the machines weaving in and out between six poles set in such a way as to form just the minimum clearance for the wheels and many drivers, especially those of the welder G.S. machines found it expedient to 'walk' their scooters. Despite his size, Hansel Kwok managed to do extremely well in this event, even ducking under the bar set in high jump fashion as a last obstacle without making contact with it.

Lo Kai-wo drove beautifully to take first place in 34.3 seconds with Kwok 2 seconds behind and Brian Young in third spot in 37.6 seconds. Young was now the leader overall with 48 points but Kwok was close on his wheels.

Just as the last competitor had a go in this event it started to pour again but this did not dampen the spirits of the drivers.

They braved the rain and the many puddles of water all over the airstrip to finish off the last two tests. One consisted of picking up a screwdriver, which included a screwdriver, two very thin spanners from a stool and depositing these gently a few yards away on another stool. Many of the competitors found to their amazement that the tools would

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Greta Anderson in bid to conquer 27-mile channel

Honolulu, Apr. 23.

Greta Andersen, danish-born distance swimmer, covered seven miles today in the first eight hours of her second try at conquering Molokai channel.

Miss Andersen, 29-year-old Olympic star from Long Beach, California, then estimated she would complete the 27-mile crossing by 4 pm (0200 GMT Monday) after more than 15 hours in the water.

The channel between Molokai and Oahu islands presents problems of strong currents and danger from sharks. The current

rents and shark threats forced Miss Andersen to abandon her first effort last January after 10 hours.

Waves in the channel were reported four to five feet high with trade winds at eight knots. Escort boats towed a 16 by 12-foot shark cage for protection of the swimmer if necessary.

Greta, who gave up during her first attempt to swim the channel last January when man-eating sharks and unpredictable tides forced her from the water, was reported swimming strongly and taking frequent helpings of honey to maintain her energy.

The weather was sunny but brisk breezes whipped the channel waves.

When she started her swim in pre-dawn darkness early today she swam inside a specially rigged cage to discourage shark attacks. But she discarded it when daylight came. The cage will be slid under Miss Andersen should any sharks appear.

Miss Andersen, who was only 6.3 miles from her goal last January, has vowed to stay in the water 24 hours this time if necessary.

"This time I'm going to stay out there until I finish," she said. Greta and her husband, a coach, John Bonnichsen, live in Long Beach, California.—UPI.

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 12 O'CLOCK NOON ON Tuesday, 25th April, 1961.

By Order of the Stewards, A. E. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 19th Race Meeting 1960/61 to be held on Saturday 6th May, 1961, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

THE GAMBOLS



INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Portugal beats Malaya 3-2 in exciting hockey final

By "NUMPERE"

In the final of the Men's Hockey International Knock-Out Tournament at Recife yesterday, Portugal defeated the holders, Malaya, by 3-2 in a very close struggle.

Preceding this match, in the first of what it is hoped will be an annual series, the Umpires defeated the HKHA Council by 3-0, but there were one or two strange faces in the Umpires XI.

Unfortunately during the later stages of the first match a very heavy shower of rain fell, and although it had stopped by the time the international final was scheduled to be played, there were large patches of surface water at one end.

These were cleared and the match started about fifteen minutes late but although foot-holds were very treacherous, there was no more rain.

After a goalless first half, fortunes fluctuated with Portugal first taking the lead, only for Malaya to equalise and then to ahead.

At this stage it looked odds on a win for Malaya but Portugal produced a storming finish, scoring twice in the last five minutes to take the International shield from the holders.

Portugal fielded the same side which thrashed Commonwealth 7-1 in the semi-final, namely seven players from Macanensis and four from Recife.

The Malaya team were all from IHC with the exception of goalkeeper Kadir, a right-winger. Omar, both from Prisons.

GOOD STANDARD
Considering the very slippery conditions the standard of hockey was good although some movements were inevitably ruined by players losing their footing.

O. K. Dallah, the Malayan skipper, was all over the field and most of the danger to the Portuguese goal either came from or was initiated by him.

Kadir, in the Malayan goal, showed just why he is the inter-keeper, and in front of him Kitchell and Yussuf were very steady. Yussuf's interception was excellent and he rarely missed the ball in a tackle.

There were no weak links in the Portuguese side but conditions were all against their usually fast forward movements.

From the bully Portugal went straight into the attack and were certainly on top for the first few minutes.

In the third minute a movement between Sequiera and Collaco gave Cunha a shot but Kadir deflected behind and Kitchell cleared the long corner. Portugal came straight back into the attack and forced a short corner but, from this, Collaco shot past.

Then came Malaya's first attacking move, started by a beautiful through pass from O. K. Dallah to right winger Omar but his centre was wasted when All kicked.

Both teams were by now accustomed to the tricky conditions and for the next few minutes play was mainly confined to midfield, but only a wonderful save by Kadir from Capitulo's shot from a short corner, prevented Portugal taking the lead in the 18th minute. Four minutes later Portugal were awarded another short corner but Kitchell was quickly out to block Capitulo's shot and Kadir cleared.

So it continued, with Portugal having slightly the better of the exchanges but half-time came with the score sheet still blank.

OPENED SCORING
The second half was only two minutes old when Portugal opened the scoring.

Sequeira intercepted a Kitchell 10-yard hit and cut in, but he was blatantly obstructed and although the offence took place outside the circle, umpire Lall rightly awarded a short corner. From this Kadir saved well from Valoma's shot, but Guterres nipped in and scored with a nice back flick.

Within five minutes however Malaya were back on level terms. With some excellent interpassing, O. K. Dallah and Omar worked their way up the right wing and Dallah finished off the movement with a slick pass goalkeeper Sequiera.

This goal seemed to revitalise Malaya and they piled on the pressure. Another move started by O. K. Dallah sent Omar away up the wing and he centred hard to Hussein who was in a good position, but he could not get his shot in and finally passed to Rahman who shot past.

In the 54th minute, Malaya went into the lead for the first time. Another O. K. Dallah-Omar movement gave Hussein a shot which was put behind for a short corner. From this Dallah had two shots saved but All finally banged the ball home to make the score 2-1.

The game became very tense but for the next few minutes Malaya remained on top and it began to look as if they would retain the shield. Then Portugal came back and, in the 61st minute, scored

three short corners in quick succession but Malaya cleared the danger and Kitchell sent Wahab away up the middle. With all of Portugal's defence up in Malaya's half Wahab had a clear run for goal but unfortunately kicked the ball and the opportunity was wasted.

With only five minutes to go Malaya still held their slender lead, but Portugal produced a storming finish which brought them victory. In the 65th minute a Costa free hit went to right-winger Collaco who passed for Castro to cut in and send a hard shot past Kadir giving him no chance whatever.

Portugal swept straight back into the attack and Kitchell obstructed Sequiera to concede a short corner. This was taken by Guterres who passed for Sa' Silva to calmly pick his spot and score in the corner of the goal.

Only two minutes were left for play but, during these Cunha went close with a scoop shot from an awkward position, and then the final whistle went with Portugal winning 3-2.

It had been very exciting, particularly the second half and Portugal deserved to win but it was as close as the score suggests.

THE TEAMS

Portugal: Z. Sequiera, Valoma, Capitulo, Castro, Costa, R. A. Silva, Collaco, Cunha, L. Sequeira, L. Guterres, Sa' Silva, Malaya: Kadir, Yussuf, Kitchell, K. Dallah, Rahman, Razack, Omar, O. K. Dallah, All, Wahab, Hussain.

UMPIRES WIN

As a certain ruler to the international final the Umpires defeated the HKHA Council by 3-0.

This is the first time that this fixture has been played but it is hoped to make it an annual one.

The Umpires were 3-0 up at half time but midway through the second half a very heavy shower ruined it as a match and the final whistle was blown a little prematurely.

The Umpires took the lead in the 11th minute when centre-half Harris went up the right wing and centred for Fellon to flick past Brundt. Felton added another in the 29th minute when he intercepted a weak clearance from Caswell and ran through and scored.

The Umpires' third goal came in the 34th minute when Harris worked his way up the left wing from the half way line, and centred to Suzanne Hewson who only had to tap the ball into an empty goal.

Teams

HKHA Council XI: Brundt, Caswell, Betty Miller, Khan, Thimbeck, Macauley, Van Dongen, Gullford, Sloan, Betty Malt, Van der Sluis, Nery, Helen Paterson, Fellows, Harris, Lall, Van der Meulen, Felton, Ross, Suzanne Hewson, Couto.

After the international final the presentation of all the trophies for men's hockey for the season were made by Mrs. H. G. Brandt, who also presented shields to this season's Interport team.

The trophies and winners are as follows:
First Division Shield—Macanensis 'A'.

Second Division Shield—Royal Air Force.

Christmas Knock-out Tournament—Army 'A'.

Christmas Knock-out Tournament Plate—Nav Bharat 'A'.

Holland Cup—Army 'A'.

International Knock-out Tournament—Portugal.

Umpires v Council Cup—Umpires.

15-round title fight



Joe Brown, 36-year-old World Lightweight Champion, from Louisiana retained his title at Earls Court, London, recently, when he outpointed Dave Charnley, the British, European and Empire champion, over fifteen rounds. It was their second meeting. The first, at Houston, Texas, in 1959, was won by Brown in the fifth round. Picture shows: Dave Charnley (right) lands a crashing right—Express Photo.

£100,000 OFFER FOR HAYNES

London, Apr. 23. Milano, the Italian soccer club, have offered a transfer fee of £100,000 for Johnny Haynes, the England inside left and captain it was stated here.

Mr. Tommy Trinder, chairman of Haynes' club, Fulham, announced the offer in a British Broadcasting Corporation radio interview. He read a telegram he had received from Milano—

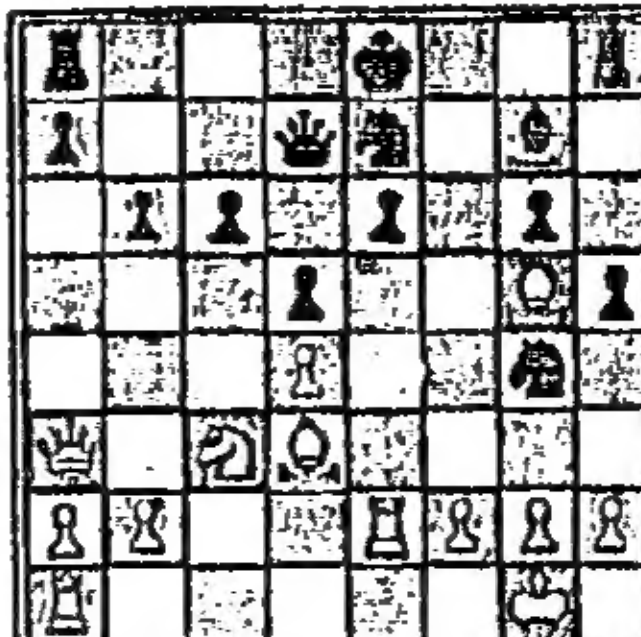
"making firm offer of £100,000 for transfer Haynes. Please cable your acceptance."

Mr. Trinder added: "It is entirely up to Johnny now. If he feels he has got to go to Italy, then he must go."

Haynes commented: "I would much rather stay in England if possible, and Tommy and I are going to have a chat about it to see what can be done."—China Mail Special.

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a position won by the British champion Jonathan Penrose. White to move and win.

London Express Service.

SPORTS DIARY

TODAY
Swimming
HKASA Water Polo Committee meeting at Shell Club, Shell House, 17th floor, 5-20 pm.
Entries for marathon swim close at 6 pm.

Ian Craig engaged

Adelaide, Apr. 22. Ian Craig, former Australian cricket captain, today became engaged to Miss Rosslyn Carroll, a nursing sister.

They were introduced by a mutual friend while Craig was playing for New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield match in Adelaide during February.

Ian Craig was Australia's youngest captain in the Test tour of South Africa in 1957-58.

At 17, he played Test cricket in England in 1953 and was also a member of the last Australian team in England in 1959.—China Mail Special.

The Solomons-Levene rivalry — long may it continue

By ARCHIE QUICK

Ever since he burst upon the boxing world as manager of Eric Boon, the pre-war lightweight champion, Mr Jack Solomons has had the burning ambition to stage a world heavyweight championship. His goal seems as far away as ever with closed circuit television the major factor in United States promotions, but he is as optimistic as ever that one day the luck will come his way.

As a small time promoter at the Devonshire Hall in London, North London, he set out on the path that has led him to the big stage of the world, and when Joe Brown and Dave Charnley climbed into the ring at Wembley Empire Pool on April 18 to dispute the Louisiana negro's title it will be Solomons' twentieth world championship promotion.

He has subjugated his wholesale fishmongering and his book-making businesses to the pursuit of the Big Fight.

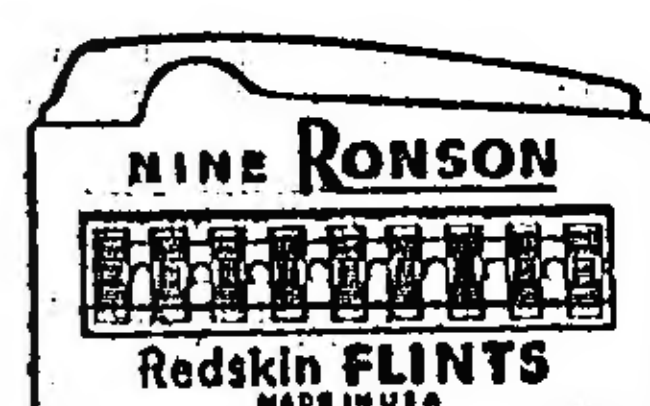
Just around the corner from his Wandsworth office in Scho is the Wardour-street headquarters of his bitter rival Harry Levene. Like Solomons, he started out as a manager, controlling among others Larry Gains, Dave Creweley and Jack McAvoy. Then he turned to night club management, and later came back to Britain as a promoter. He, too, has an ambition—just one, single, teeny weeny world championship fight which has so far eluded him. He will not fail for the want of trying.

NOSE AND CIGAR

So these two deadly enemies battle it out with the help of the sporting cartoonists—Levene's nose and Solomons' cigar; Solomons comfortably ensconced in his Stamford Hill home, Levene in a luxurious flat in exclusive Park Lane. Only one thing do they agree—each own a Rolls Royce limousine. One other thing

Both are amiable to other folk, both are talkative. Long may their personal feud continue!

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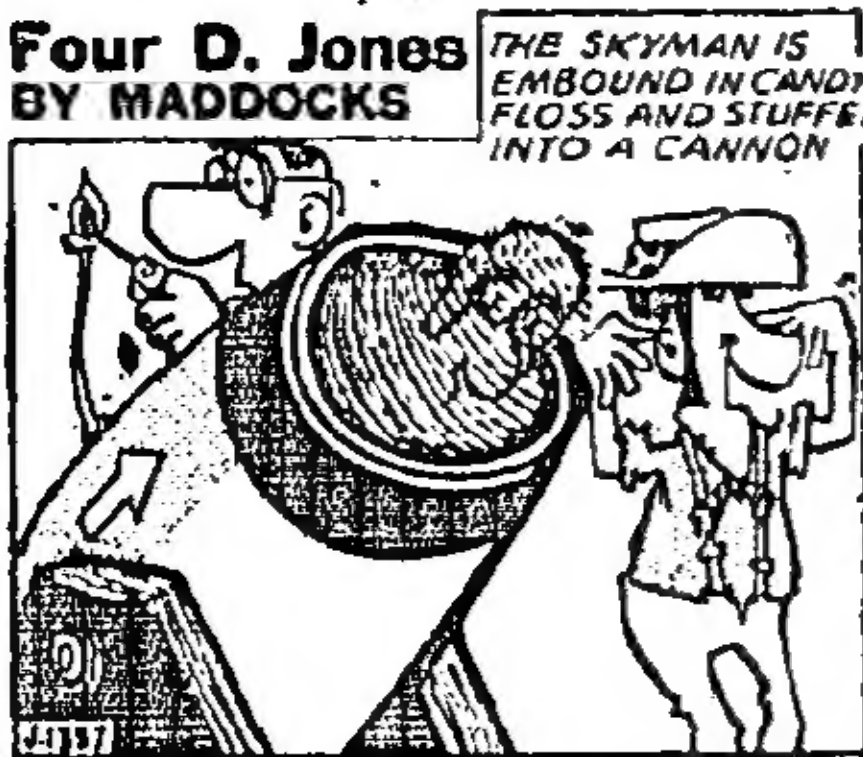
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Poor strategy blamed for PI defeat

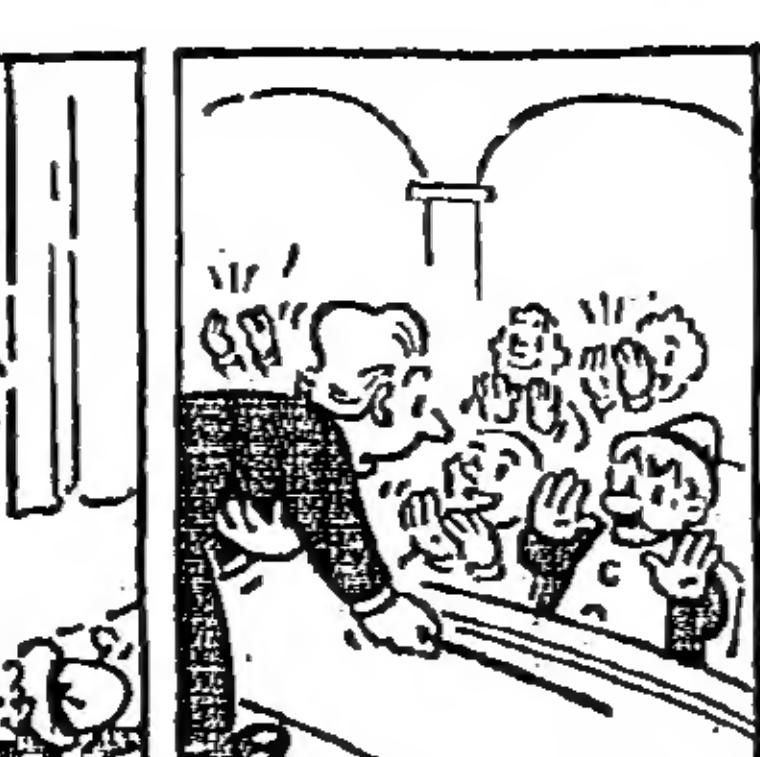
Tokyo, Apr. 24. The mass circulation newspaper Yomiuri blamed poor strategy on the part of the Philippines for suffering a 3-2 defeat to Japan in the semi-final rounds of the eastern zone Davis Cup competition yesterday.

"It is not a miscalculation on the part of the Philippines rather than Japanese tactics," the newspaper observed. Yomiuri said that if the Philippines had used the more experienced Felisimo Ampon the Philippines would have probably won the doubles and the semi-finals.

The paper said the victory of the Aizumi Miyagi-Masao Nagasaki combination over Filipino national doubles champions Eddie Dingo and Johnny Jose on Saturday gave the Japanese the necessary "big win" to sweep remaining singles yesterday for a Japanese victory.—AP.



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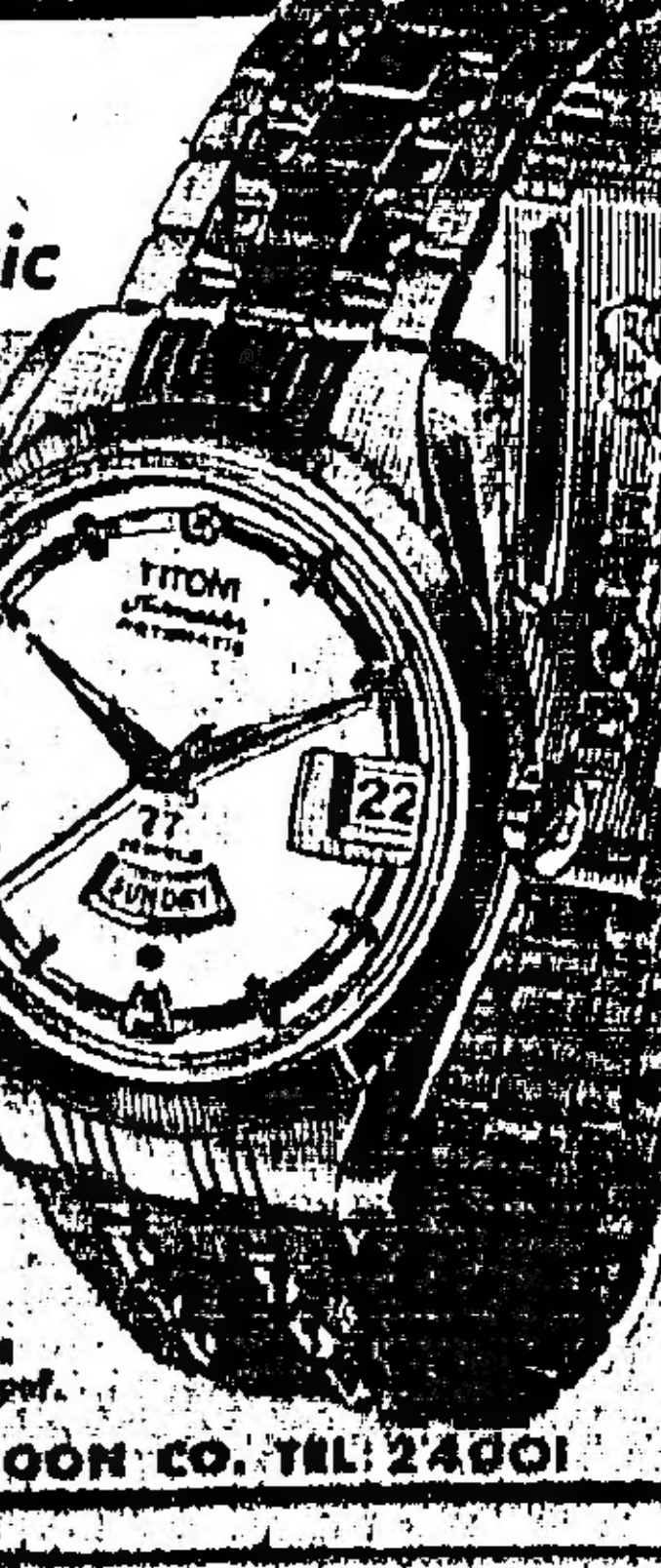
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Court hears of 9 pm attack in cubicle 'JUMPED OUT OF WINDOW AFTER BASHING WIFE' Crown allegation

Chan Shou-woon, elected member of the Urban Council, this morning faced another series of three summonses at Kowloon Court accusing him of fraud.

\$1,700 FINE
(Contd. from Page 1)
The police did not note the number of the car was however circulated to all patrols on Hongkong Island and at about 2.45 am a car resembling the one described was located at Shu Kuk-street near King's-road in an extensively damaged state. There was no one in the car at that time. Further inquiries eventually led the police to locate the owner as the defendant who admitted he was the owner and driver of the car at the time of the incident.

This was also a private prosecution. It came before Mr. I. M. S. Donnell and the complainant in the case was Kong Mou-sun of 115 Argyle-street. The summonses were instituted by Kong under section 50 (A) of the Larceny Ordinance. The first summons in this second series alleged that on or about April 15, 1960, Chan, with intent to defraud, caused the sum of \$57.50 to be paid by the special manager of the Tak Ming Co Ltd as half a month's wages to a person, named Tse Yuk-ming by falsely pretending that Tse was employed as a watchman at the Tak Ming School.

The second summons accused Chan of causing sums of \$57.50, \$26.10, and \$10 to be paid to Tse for half a month's wages, extra allowance and allowance for evening work at the Tak Ming School under similar circumstances. Payments were alleged to have been made on or about April 30, 1960. The third summons referred to the payment of \$57.50 as half a month's wages made to the watchman on or about May 15, 1960, under similar circumstances. Chan Shou-woon pleaded not guilty to all the three summonses.

\$3,000 STOLEN
More than \$3,000 in cash and valuables were reported stolen from 522, Tai Lung Ho, Shatin, between 2 am and 8 am yesterday. Jewellery valued at \$435.50 was reported stolen from 87, Chatham-road, ground floor, between 8 am and 8.10 am yesterday.

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A man jumped out of a window after bashing his wife over the head, a court was told this morning.

Kwan Fat, 38, unemployed, appeared before Mr Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr in the Supreme Court, charged with wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and maliciously wounding his wife. The man was stated by Mr. W. S. Davidson, Crown Counsel, to have been in a mental hospital twice since he committed the offence on November 23, 1959, and this had delayed hearing of the case.

Retired to bed
Mr Davidson told the jury of six men and one woman that the accused lived with his wife, their children and the accused's mother in a cubicle at 740 Nathan-road, fourth floor. On the evening in question at 7 o'clock they had their meal

and retired to bed. The cubicle in which they lived was locked on the inside with a padlock. They all shared a large bed except the mother-in-law who had a canvas bed behind a partition. About 9 pm the accused, according to the wife's evidence, picked up a wooden pillow and hit his wife several times on the head and arms. She shouted for help and the accused opened the window and jumped out. Just before he jumped, the accused's mother heard a noise and pushed back the dividing screen in the cubicle and found the accused with a chopper in his hand. She seized it from him before he jumped out of the window.

Little doubt
The wife, however, did not see the accused with a chopper in his hand. She said that he struck her with a wooden pillow. But when you hear the rest of the evidence, I suggest to you that you can have little doubt that a chopper was used because the wounds found on the plaintiff were quite inconsistent with her having been struck with a fairly light wooden pillow. They were obviously caused by a sharp instrument," said Mr Davidson.

Blood of the "A" group belonging to the wife was also found on the chopper; some of her fingers were almost severed and she had gashes on her forehead. She had been detained at Kowloon Hospital until December 12 and then released. The accused had been found on the roof outside the window of the flat, and beside him was found a pair of scissors which belonged apparently to the wife. Blood of her group was also found on them. The accused was suffering from concussion when admitted to Kowloon Hospital, according to the doctor's evidence, which also stated that when the accused left hospital on December 8 he was sent to the Mental Hospital and kept there for a number of months.

Did not know
He was discharged on July 6 and was charged and arrested. When arrested he had told the police that he did not know he had attacked his wife because he was mental at the time. Later he suffered a relapse and went back to the Mental Hospital, spending several months there. "It is for the defence to show that he was insane at the time that he committed the offence," said Mr Davidson. Hearing continues.

**COURT HEARS OF
STAIRWAY ATTACKS
ON OLD WOMEN**

A Crown counsel described to a jury today what he called the "Kowloon Staircase Robberies in which three 'elderly and defenceless women' were attacked and robbed of money and valuables."

Before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at Criminal Sessions were Ho Kiu, aged 24 and Chan King, aged 41.

Ho pleaded not guilty to a charge of robbery with violence and both men pleaded not guilty to two charges of robbery with aggravation.

MOUTH COVERED
Opening the case for the Crown before a jury of six men and one woman, Mr Denis Remedios said on October 14 a 69-year-old woman was on a staircase in Kowloon when someone covered her mouth.

"Then all of a sudden someone grabbed her neck and she struggled," said Mr Remedios. "But it was of no avail and she fainted. When she recovered she had lost two rings and a purse containing between \$17-\$18. A gold car ring was lost in the struggle," he said.

"SAVE LIFE"
On November 7 a 65-year-old woman was on a staircase in Kowloon when someone grabbed her shoulder, something was stuck in her mouth and she was struck on both sides of the head.

A gold ring on her left hand was snatched. This woman did not faint and chased her assailant shouting "Save life!" but she lost him. At about the same time and close to the scene of that attack, a workman saw two men running and noticed there was blood on the hand of one of them. He shouted to them to stop but they did not.

BLOODSTAINED
On January 11 the workman identified as one of the men he saw running, alleged Mr Remedios.

After the November 7 attack a detective found a piece of sugar cane and a handkerchief at the scene. Both appeared to have blood on them. "I will call these attacks the Staircase Robberies. The victims were elderly women, aged 72, 69 and 65—elderly and defenceless women," said Mr Remedios. The trial is continuing.

Hungary seeks trade links with Colony

Hungary is now seeking to establish direct trade connections with the Colony, according to Dr G. Oblath, Commercial Counsellor and Trade Representative of Hungary in India.

China Fir: advice from London awaited

While a large number of sightseers in yachts and launches sailed out to the Tathong Channel over the weekend to see the grounded and half-sunken freighter China Fir, the owners were waiting for advice from London on what to do with her.

Mr R. C. Ellingham, Lloyd's representative in Hongkong, said this morning the ship was "badly damaged."

"She was cracked round about No. 3 hatch."

A Kowloon Docks diver finished a preliminary survey on Friday, he said.

A special representative of the Salvage Association in London, Mr T. C. Nicol, stopping over for a day on his way from London to Taipei, had already made a report to London, Mr Ellingham said.

"We can't tell an actual figure of damage until advice from London."

In case of refloating the ship, she will have to be given "sufficient buoyancy" by scaling off the crack and removing the iron ore cargo.

If she is to be repaired, a tender will be called for, Mr Ellingham added.

The China Fir ran aground on the rocky Ngai Ying Pal Island in the entrance to the Tathong Channel off Lyemun Pass last Tuesday night.

Dr Oblath, leader of a three-men trade delegation had a meeting with officials of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce this morning. He said at present most of the trade between Hongkong and his country was going on through London.



Dr Oblath

Since Hongkong was a free port Hungary would like very much to utilise this facility to promote her foreign trade.

Dr Oblath said that Hungary would offer for sale sugar, seeds, beverages, alcoholic drinks and metal products. She would also like to import light industrial products from Hongkong.

He also revealed that recently Hongkong had purchased 12,000 tons of sugar from Hungary at a very competitive price.

Four hurt

A man, a woman and two children were injured when the car in which they were travelling collided with a lorry near the 14 1/2 milestone, Tai-po-road, at about 11.40 pm yesterday.

The injured man, Lau Tsao-pao, 42, the woman, Chung Tshu-shen, 35, and the two children, both girls, Lau Hin, 10, and Lau Wai-yan, 2, were all admitted to Kowloon hospital.

EMBEZZLER WHO COULDN'T REPAY, JAILED

A 23-year-old shop fold who embezzled \$39, was jailed for three weeks by Mr D. Cons at Central Court this morning when he failed to make restitution to his employer. Cheung Mong-lun, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty at a previous hearing. He had been employed in the store for only two days before committing the offence.

Satisfactory

The condition of Airman First Class Richard W. Ferron, the lone survivor of the air crash on Mount Parker last Wednesday, was reported this morning to be "satisfactory although on the whole his condition remains unchanged."

From the Files
25 years AGO
April 1936

IT is notified that Mr Albert James Robert Moss resumed duty as Superintendent of Aerodrome, Hongkong.

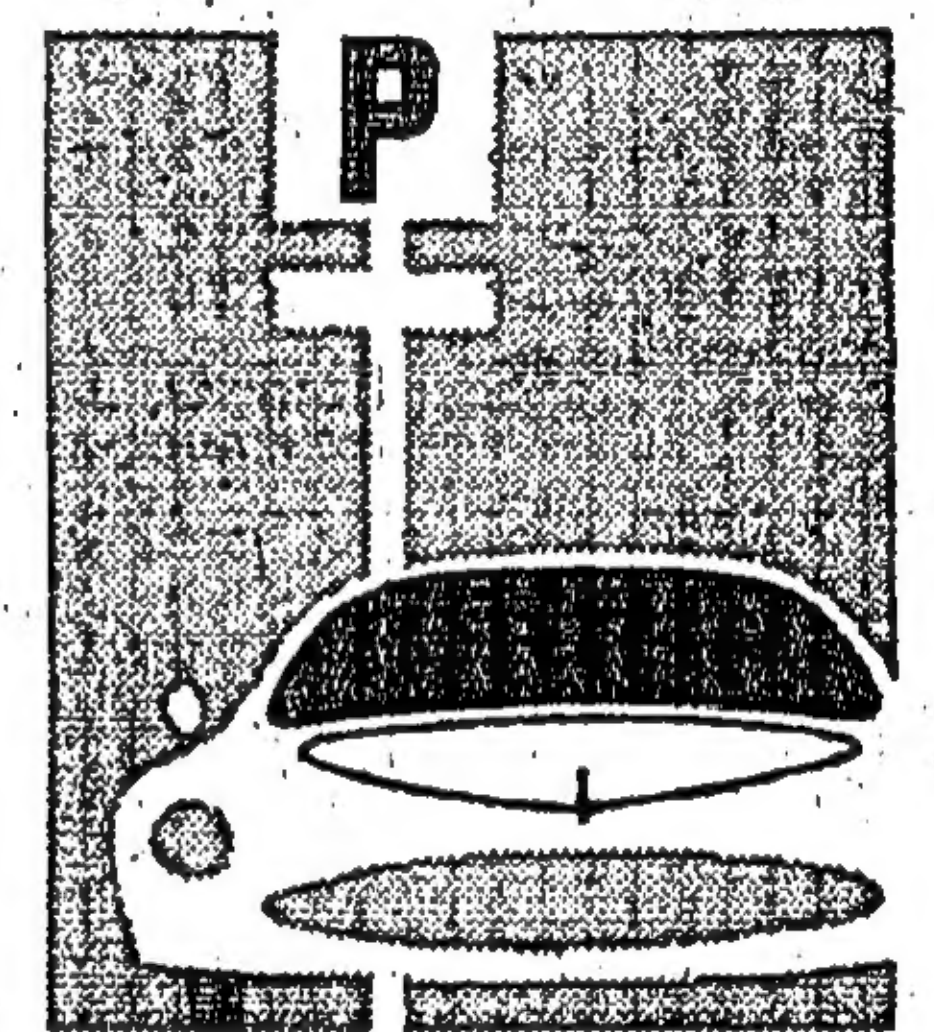
His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr Kenneth Keen to be District Officer in the Northern District of the New Territories.

Mr Robert Lucian Moncrieff has been appointed a probationary lieutenant of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force.

Mr John Robertson Masson and Mr Li Tse-tung have been appointed members of the Court of the University of Hongkong for a period of three years.

Mr Sydney Hampden Ross has been appointed a member of the University Court during the absence of Mr John Hennessey Seth.

Mr William Ngurtse Thomas Tam and Mr Benjamin Wong Tape have been appointed members of the Urban Council for a term of three years.

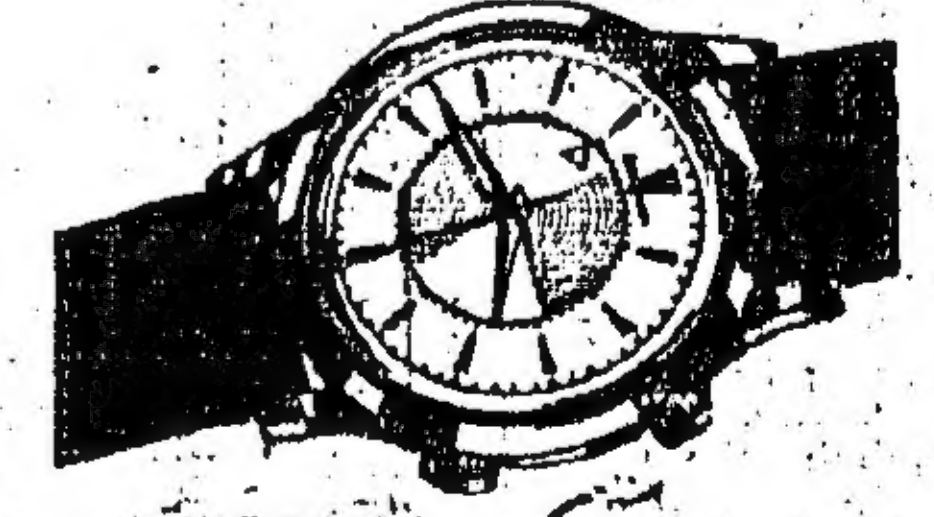


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